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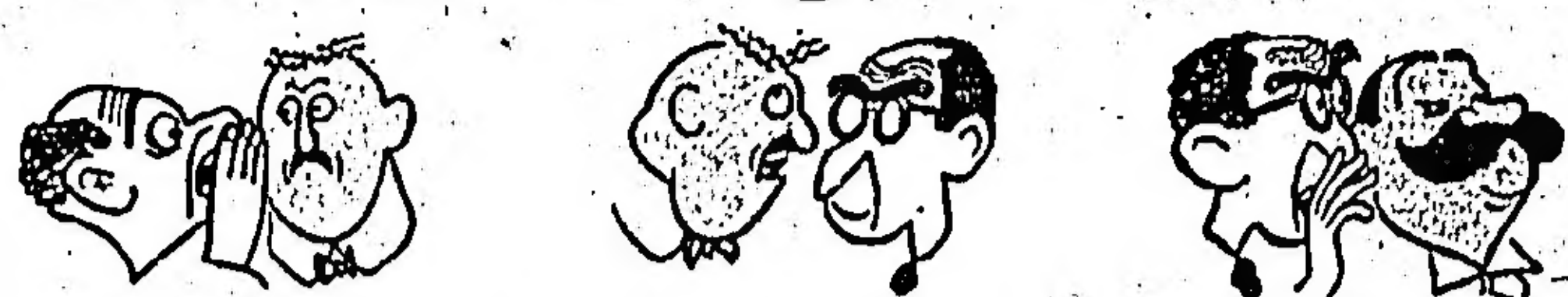
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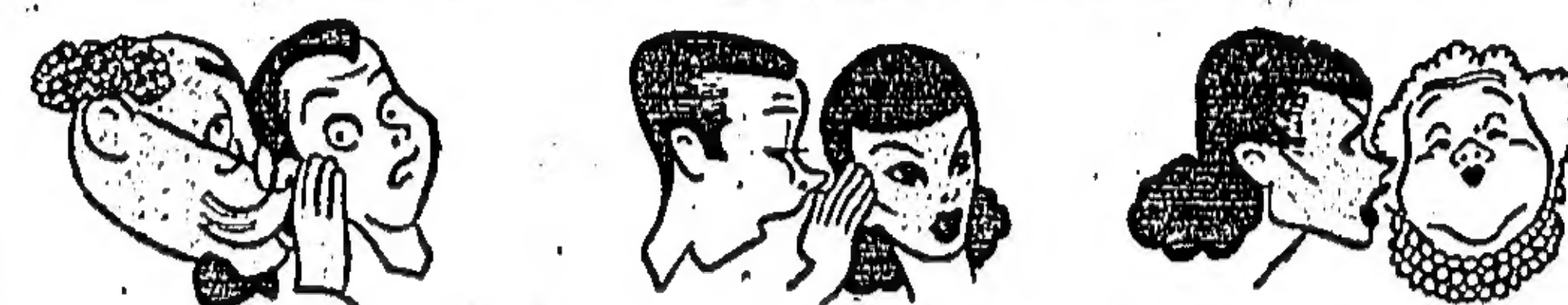
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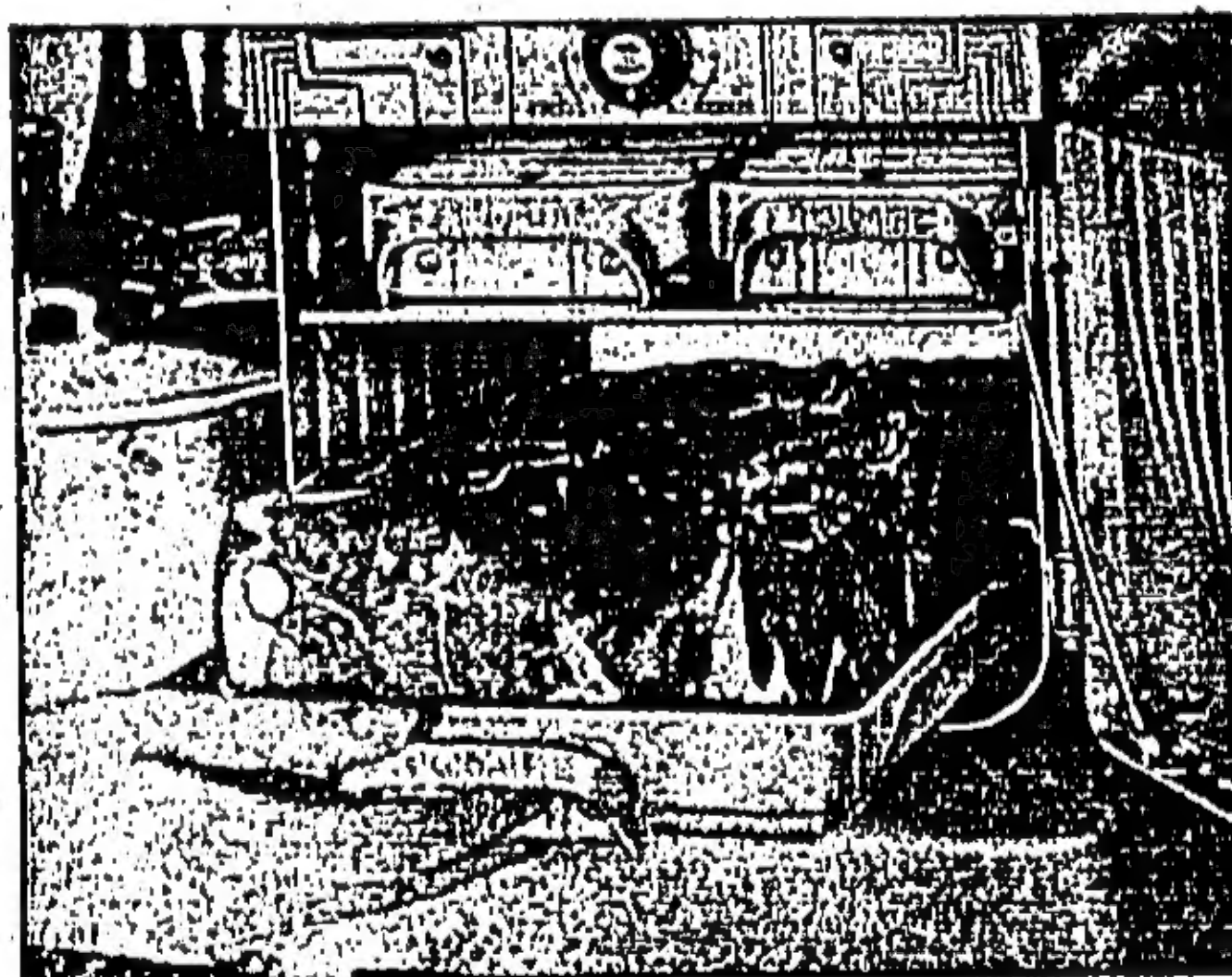
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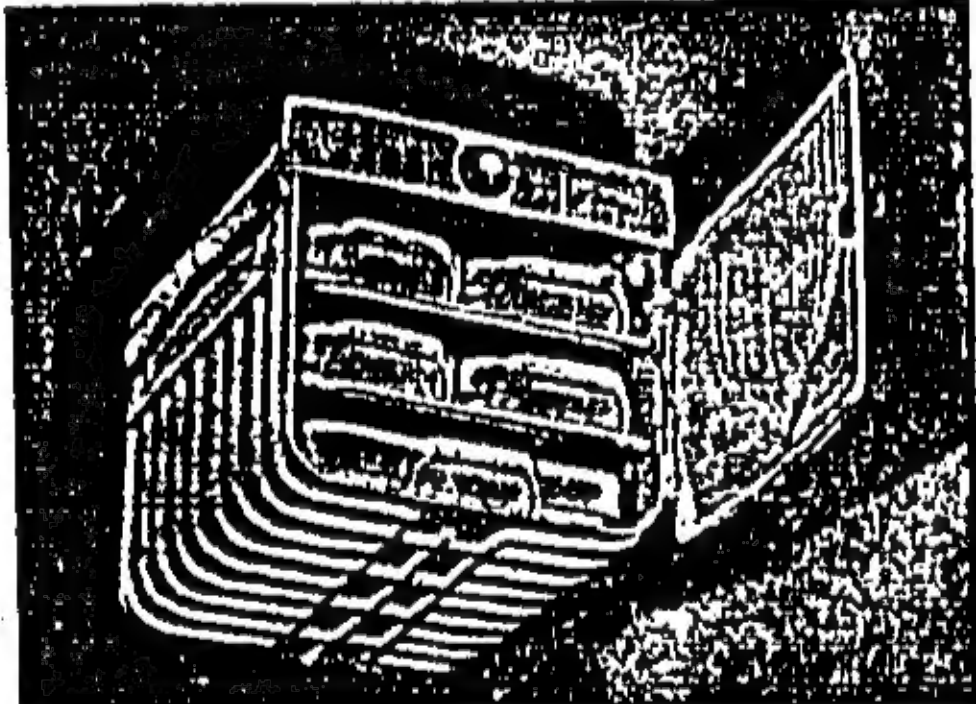
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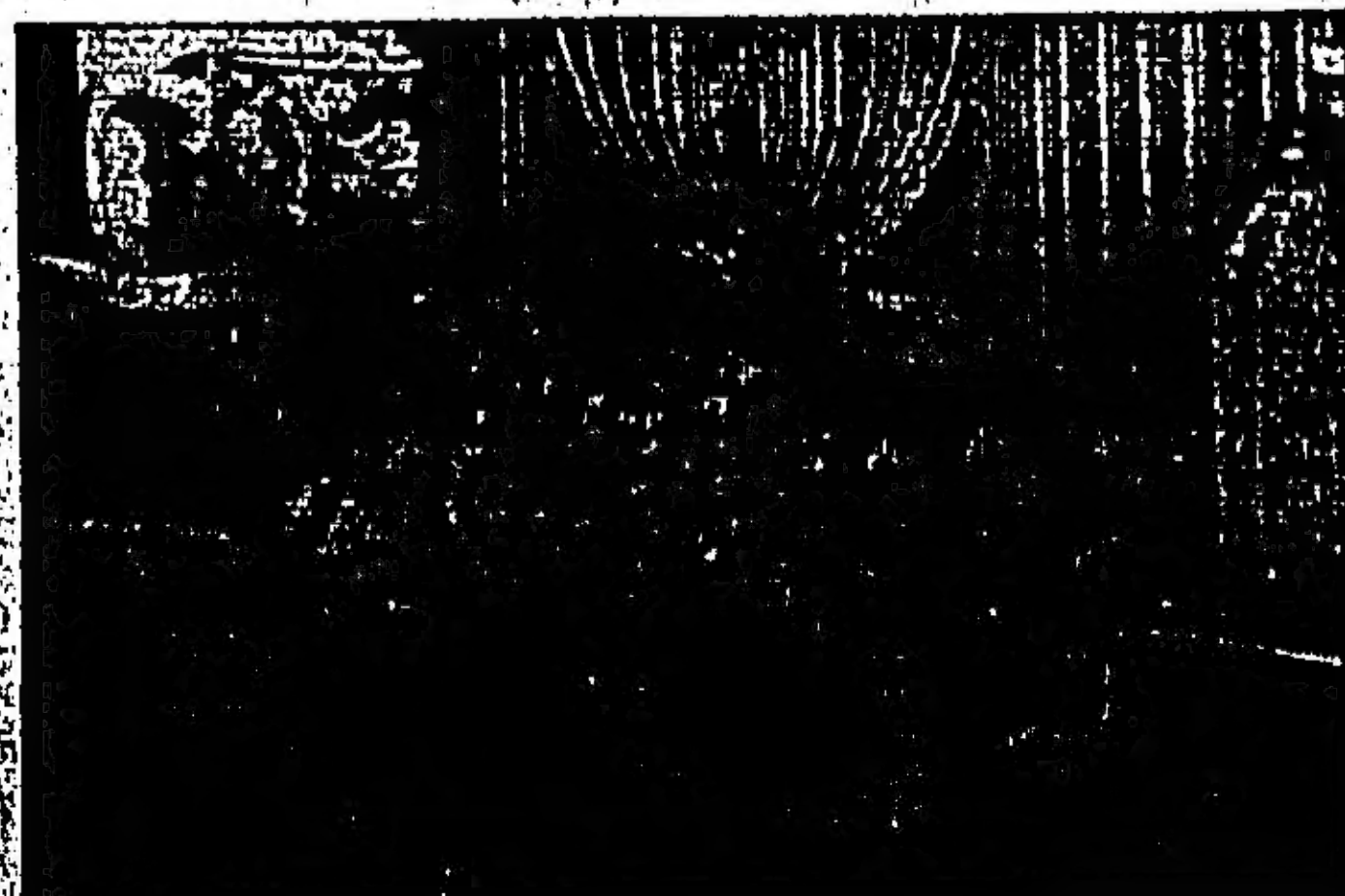


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MISSING MUNITIONS

Dublin, Dec. 29.
It is estimated that between 50,000 and 80,000 of the millions of rounds of stolen ammunition have been recovered in two dumps unearthed in County Wicklow. A third was found in County Meath.

So far there has been no response to the Government's offer of £1,000 for information leading to the recovery of the remainder of the booty.

It is feared that an effort will be made to convey some of this into Northern Ireland and day and night searches are being maintained.

There are strong rumours that the Dail may be convened for an emergency session to pass legislation to deal with the situation.

Dublin is still encircled by troops and it is impossible to leave the city without encountering a military patrol.

Search of the neighbouring is being intensified to-day, and low-flying planes of the Irish Army Air Corps are co-operating with the armed guards and motorized units on the roads.

Soldiers with machine guns are stationed at various points in outlying districts.

Even funerals are being held up for examination of burial certificates.

Intense Police activity prevails along both sides of the border between Eire and Northern Ireland, posts are heavily guarded and trains carefully searched.

It is estimated that 30 arrests have already been made in the widespread combout.—*Reuter Special.*

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Babes in Arms" (coming to Queen's and Alhambra to-morrow): The ever-popular Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland are teamed in this lively film from the stage show of the same name. Story deals with a group of youngsters who put on a musical show. Mickey Rooney sings, dances and presents excellent imitations of Clark Gable, Lionel Barrymore and President Roosevelt. Others in cast include June Preiser, Douglas McPhail, Charles Winninger and Guy Kibbe.

"Brother Rat" (Majestic): Rousing farce about classmates at the Virginia Military Institute and their troubles. Focal point of the to-do is "Bing" Edwards, a puzzled innocent, secretly married and about to become a father. Since marriage while at V.M.I. means immediate dismissal, his position is understandably precarious. It is not helped by the well-intentioned efforts of his brother Fats. The playing is bright and affable throughout. "Priscilla Lane and Wayne Morris co-star.

"Dark Victory" (Oriental): Tragedy, based on a play of the same title, providing a star vehicle for Bette Davis against a clinical background. She is an heiress who is persuaded to undergo an operation which, she fears, will merely postpone a fatal outcome. Through marriage she finds peace and happiness despite the sentence hanging over her. George Brent, Humphrey Bogart and Geraldine Fitzgerald.

"Star Bunker" (Queen's and Alhambra): Light musical biography. Pleasant story based on life of Gus Edwards, famous American "star maker". Starring Bing Crosby and Louise Campbell.

"Generally Yours" (King's): Light-hearted comedy. Pleasant characterization of stage magician—played by David Niven whilst the role of his ultra-devoted wife is taken by Loretta Young.



FOOT ITCH ATHLETE'S FOOT

According to the Government Health Bulletin No. 2, at least 50% of the adult population of the United States are being attacked by the disease known as Athlete's Foot.

Usually the disease starts between the toes. Little warty blisters appear and the skin cracks and peels. After a while the itching becomes intense and you feel as though you would like to scratch all the time.

Beware of It Spreading

Often the disease travels all over the bottom of the feet. The soles of your feet become red and swollen. The skin also cracks and peels, and the itching becomes worse and worse.

Get rid of this disease as quickly as possible, because it is very contagious and it may go to your hands or even to the under arm or crotch of the legs.

Most people who have Athlete's Foot have tried all kinds of remedies to cure it without success. Ordinary germicides, antiseptics, salve or ointments, seldom do any good.

Here's How to Treat It

The germ that causes the disease is known as Trichophyton. It buries itself deep in the tissues of the skin and is very hard to kill. A test made shows it takes 25 minutes of boiling to kill the germ, so you can see why the ordinary remedies are unsuccessful.

If a remedy was developed solely for the purpose of treating Athlete's Foot, it is a liquid that penetrates and dries quickly. You rub it on the infected parts. It peels off the tissue of the skin where the germ breeds.

Itching Stops Immediately

As soon as you apply it, if you will find that the itching is stopped. In 24 hours, you should point the infected parts with it. At night and morning until your feet are well and smooth. This takes from three to ten days, although in severe cases it may take longer or in mild cases less time. If it will leave the skin soft and smooth. You will marvel at the quick way it brings you relief, especially if you are one of those who have tried for years to get rid of Athlete's Foot without success.

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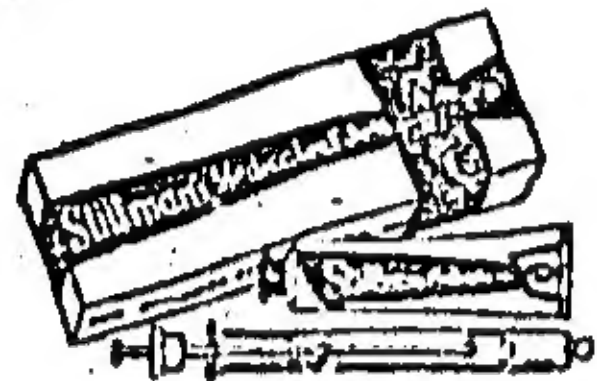
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Boy Soldiers, Too Young To Stay In France, Plead With Belisha

P.C. HERO OF I.R.A. EXPLOSIONS

A POLICE CONSTABLE on patrol in Park Lane, W., flashing his torch in the black-out, saw an unexploded bomb near a shop window.

Grabbing it, he ran across the road and threw it into Hyde Park. Later it was placed in a bucket of water.

This policeman, P.C. Bishop-Laggett, attached to Vine Street, is the hero of the I.R.A. bomb explosions in the West End recently.

Another bomb—both were of the balloon and acid type—was also rendered harmless by a police officer.

Four Explosions

Altogether there were four explosions in the Piccadilly area, but nobody was injured and there was no panic among the crowds.

This is the first time since the outbreak of war that the terrorists have struck; but the I.R.A.'s notorious "S Plan" mentioned November 18 as a good date for bringing into operation the campaign to wreck key services.

The first explosion, at the Car Mart, at the corner of Piccadilly and Park Lane, took place at 8.30 p.m.

A second bomb exploded outside Burlington House, in the concave window of Carreras, the tobacconists. Part of the shop-front was blown out.

About five minutes later there was another explosion at an outfitters' premises in Regent Street. The shop window was blown out.

This shop is only 100 yards or so from Vine Street Police Station.

The scene of the fourth explosion was an empty shop in Regent Street.

220 Million Years Old Monster

The skeleton of a reptile that lived 220 million years ago has just been mounted in the Transvaal Museum.

The work of mounting the skull, 26 vertebrae, shoulder girdle and right hind leg has taken 20 years.

The specimen is one of the smaller of the huge carnivorous mammal-like types of the middle Permian period, states the British United Press.

HE MAY RELAX THE RULE—FOR ONCE

From PHILIP JORDAN

News Chronicle Correspondent with the B.E.F.

FRANCE, Dec. 4.

ALTHOUGH there is a strict rule here that any boy under 19 who manages to get to France with the Army is to go home as soon as he is discovered, three such youngsters of 18 may find themselves luckier than they had dared hope.

All are members of a regiment that is already in the Front Line, and they have taken their full share of the Army's burden of digging since they came out.

They accosted Mr. Hore-Belisha when he made his tour of the trenches and begged him to allow them to stay here. The War Minister says that because he found so much to admire in their spirit he will do what he can to have the rule relaxed on their behalf.

Not A Precedent

This decision of his does not, however, set a precedent. Any other 18-year-old found here will be packed off home at once.

There has been so much competition among the under 19's to get out here that the Adjutant-General has been forced to start a special department to deal with them; and an order has been issued that any commander who finds such children in his units is to report them at once.

Until Mr. Hore-Belisha's story the department thought that it had already caught all these sprats.

The War Minister finished his visit to G.H.Q. after a day spent with the troops who are on our flank. He has now left for Paris. His visit, like that of everybody else, was spoiled by the weather; he spent two days scrambling about in the mud. To-day he motored more than 100 miles.

New Ideas In Defence

He finds it hard to say what has most impressed him out here; but is inclined to give pride of place to the study that G.H.Q. are giving to the art of defence and to the new conception of fortress warfare that the

French have evolved in the last 20 years.

Our own Army is so impressed by the tremendous strength of the French defences that it is adopting its system to the peculiar needs of the terrain that it has been ordered to defend; and the result is something that few men who fought in the last war would recognise if they were able to see it.

In modern war you tempt your enemy to enter your lines at certain specified points and then mow him down from both sides.

Such a system obviously requires a greater defensive depth than formerly, but there need be no unreasonableness on that account. Our line becomes deeper every week.

Wants More "Grousing"

Equally the War Minister has noticed the amount and variety of human skill that is available this time. Nearly all the reservists have been following a trade of which the Army can make full use; and Mr. Hore-Belisha says that wherever he went he found men following occupations similar to those by which they had earned their livings since they left the Army.

He also says that the lessons we learned in the last war "have been put to very great profit in this," and this applies particularly to the problems of transport with which the



Alice Brady Dies

ALICE BRADY, famous for her screen studies of sweetly ineffectual women, has died in New York at the age of 46.

Daughter of a noted Broadway producer, Miss Brady made her first appearance as a child actress in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

In 1937 she won the coveted Academy award for the best supporting actress for her performance in "In Old Chicago."

She played in the two Deanna Durbin films, "Three Smart Girls" and "One Hundred Men and a Girl," and in "My Man Godfrey" and "Go West, Young Man."

Army has brilliantly dealt all along its extended lines of communication.

As for "grousing," he can only say that there is not as much of it as there ought to be. An army, he says, "is an organisation of grouches," and he implies that you can measure an army's efficiency by its capacity for grouching.

Although this pessimism is not to be taken too seriously, there is a noticeable lack of grouching. The War Minister says that it is far less than it was in peace-time.

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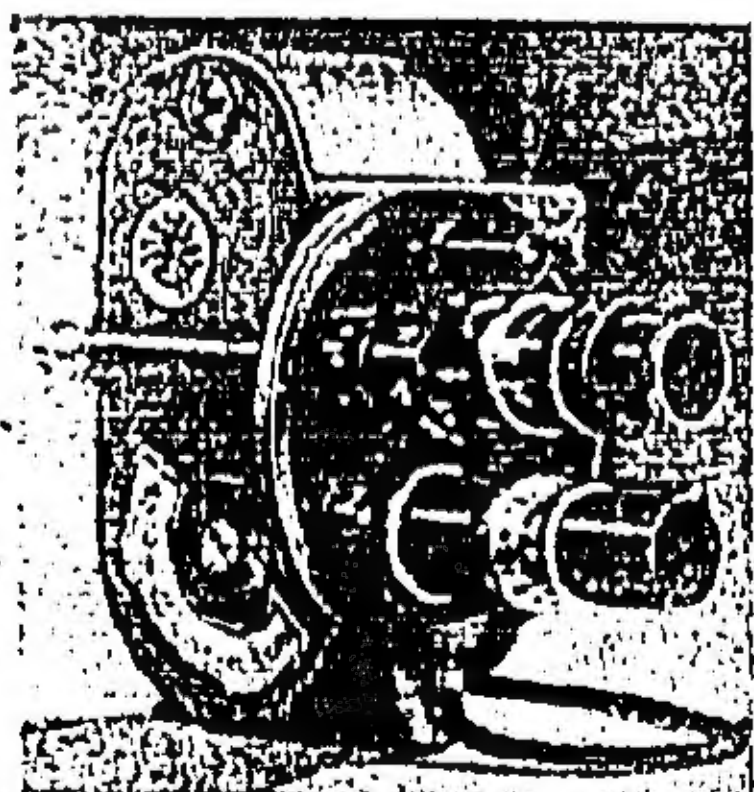
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Those present included:—Council Members of the Boy Scouts' Association, 600 Boy Scouts, 200 A.R.P. Wardens, 200 members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Members of the Fire Brigade, Police Force, Decontamination Squads and Rescue Squads, Naval and Army Personnel.

Owing to limited seating arrangements it was not possible to accommodate all the members of the A.R.P. Organisation of the Colony, but the film will be screened in most theatres in the near future.



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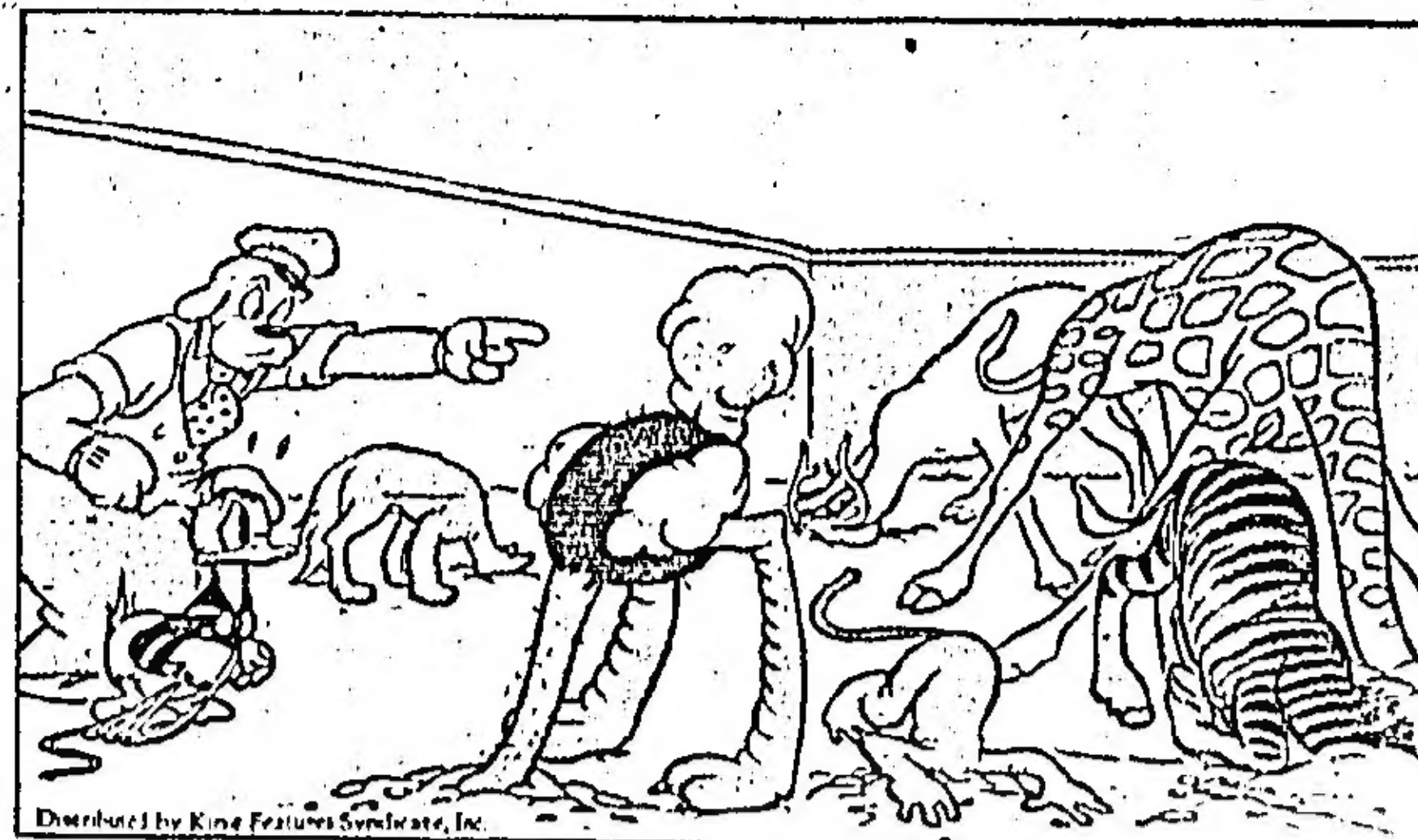
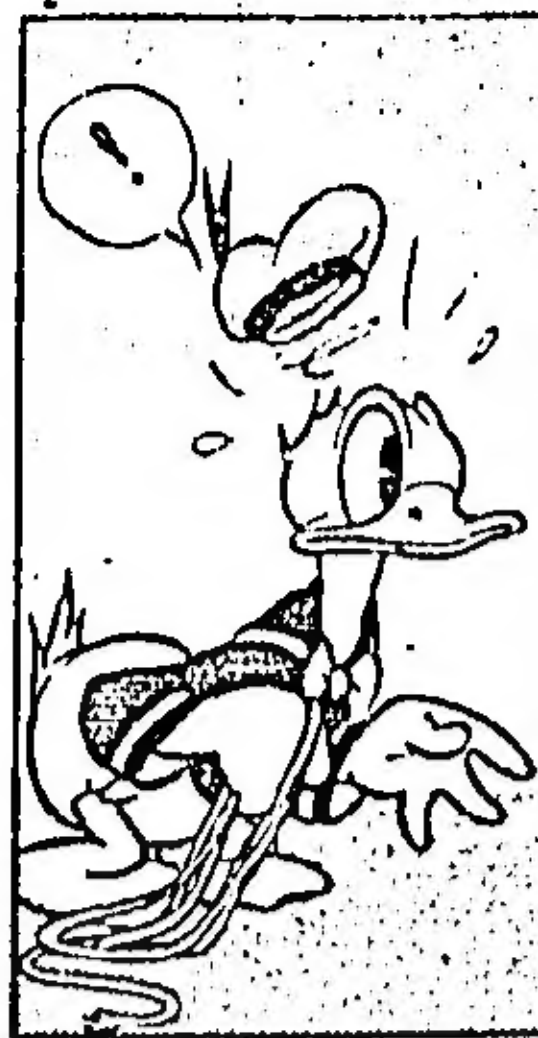
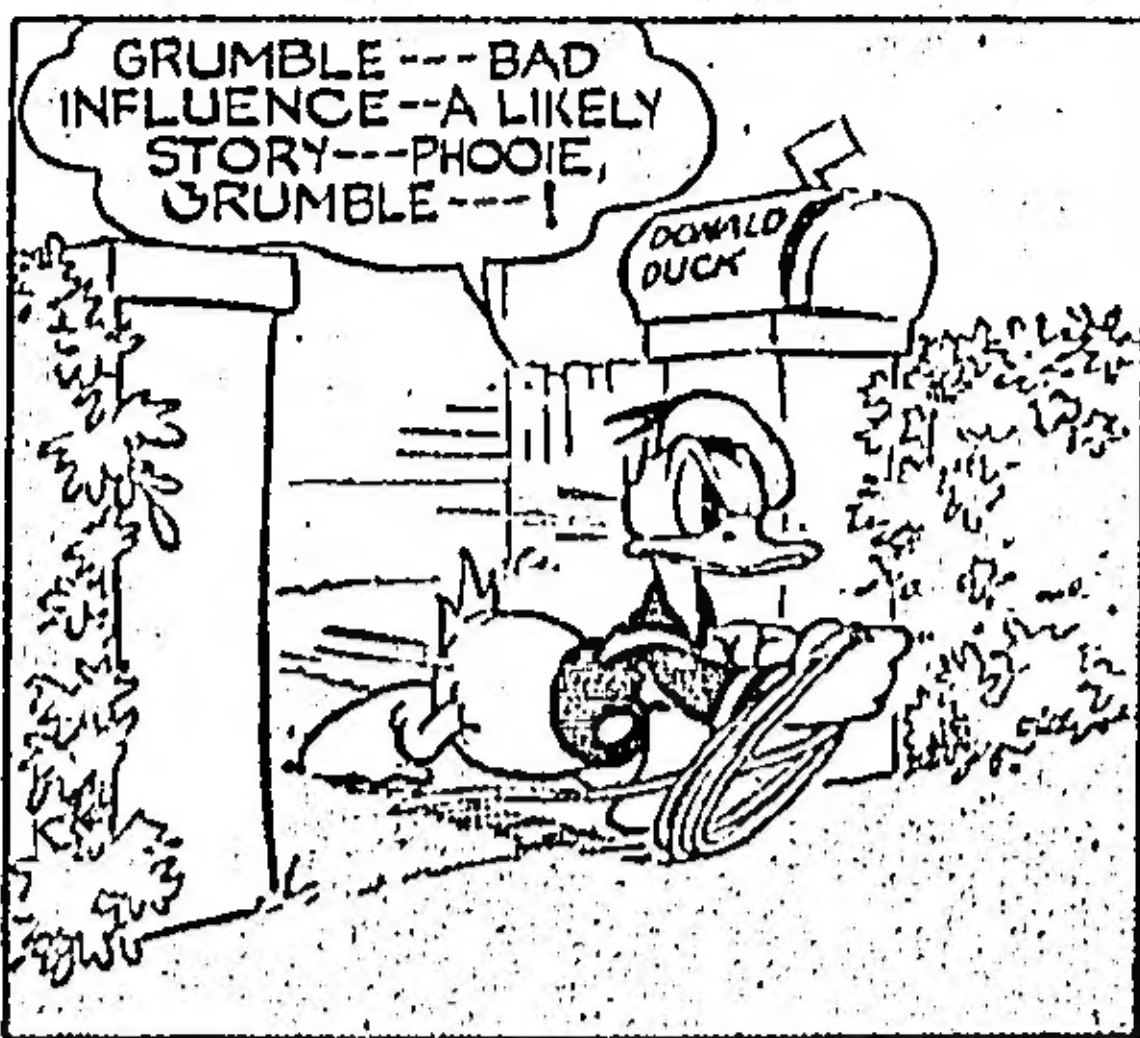
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BISHOP PLANS TO SEND PADRES TO GERMANY

DR. B. S. BATTY, Bishop of Fulham, who also holds the Anglican jurisdiction over chaplains in North and Central Europe, is canvassing the possibility of sending British chaplains to care for British prisoners of war.

"If the war follows the course of the last conflict this will become a major question," the Bishop said.

"It may be injudicious to announce that we envisage the possibility of a number of men being captured," he went on, "but the fact remains that between 1914 and 1918 no fewer than 9,760 men died in prison camps in Germany—most of them with no British chaplain to ease their hours.

TYRES BULLETS CANNOT BURST

A BULLET-PROOF tyre is now being used by the Army for their supply, scout and armoured cars.

It is the first efficient type to be produced by any country. It stands up for at least 100 miles after being hit by gunfire.

Brigadier J. S. Crawford, Director of Mechanisation at the Ministry of Supply, said recently: "We began research during the last war. Years of experiments followed. Our 15-

"My own plan is, if possible, and if required, to enable one chaplain to be admitted to each camp. My predecessor, Bishop Berry, was allowed into Germany; and I should also like the opportunity of going myself.

Not Army Padres

"The men I should select," added Dr. Batty, "would not be Army chaplains; anyone from the War Office would be suspect. I should prefer them to be bachelors, as they would have to stay in Germany for the duration; and I should also like them to have some educational qualifications, for then they would be able to organise classes.

"I should try to include a Roman Catholic priest and a Nonconformist in my little band. But in the case of Roman Catholics the need is not so urgent, for there are priests in Germany who could minister to them satisfactorily."

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NUFFIELD JOINS AIR MINISTRY

LORD NUFFIELD has been appointed Director-General of Maintenance in the Air Ministry, without remuneration. This was officially announced last month.

He will be responsible to the Air Council, through the Air Member for Supply and Organisation, for the organisation already established and in course of rapid expansion, for the repair of aircraft and ancillary equipment of the Royal Air Force.

Lord Nuffield will also exercise general supervision, under the Air Member for Supply and Organisation, of the supply services of the Royal Air Force, with a view to their co-ordination with the repair services.

Lord Nuffield will be assisted by Mr. Oliver Boden, who has been appointed Deputy Director-General.

UNPAID

Both Lord Nuffield and Mr. Boden have undertaken to discharge their offices without remuneration of any kind.

Lord Nuffield was 62 last month. In 1936, he caused a sensation by stating that his offer to make aero engines for the Government had been "turned down flat" by Lord Swinton, who was then Air Minister.

AS CRITIC

He criticised the Air Ministry, and described the "shadow" aircraft industry scheme of that date as unworkable.

Two years later, he agreed to help in the R.A.F. expansion scheme. Since then, he has given full support in the great task of building up Britain's air arm.

[Mr. Oliver Boden is managing director of Nuffield Mechanisation and Aero Ltd. He has been with Lord Nuffield since 1927. In 1930 he was appointed managing director of Morris Motors Ltd. Previously he had directed the Morris Commercial Car Co. from 1932. Last July he agreed to serve on an industrial panel formed in connection with the Ministry of Supply.]

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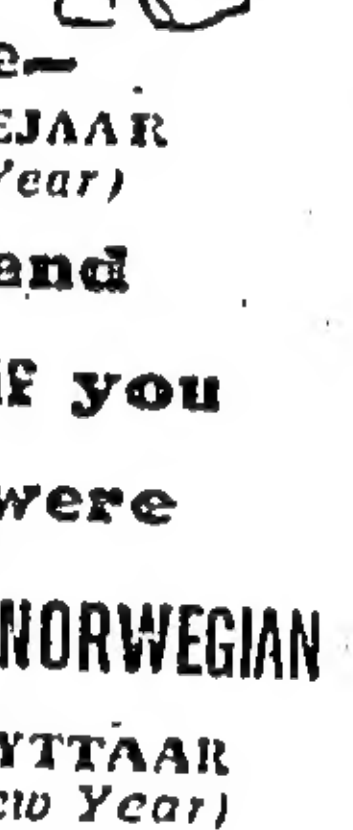
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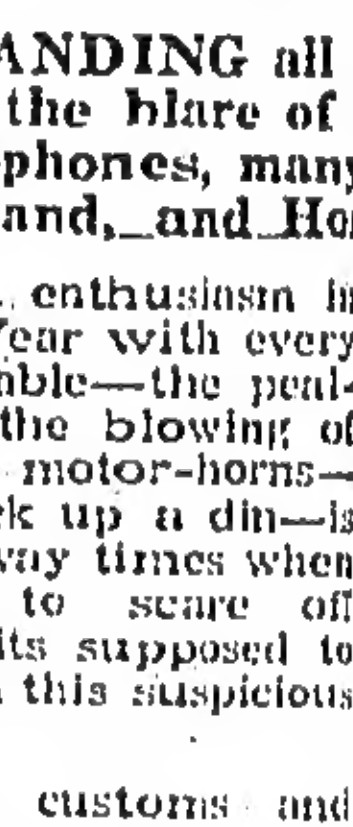
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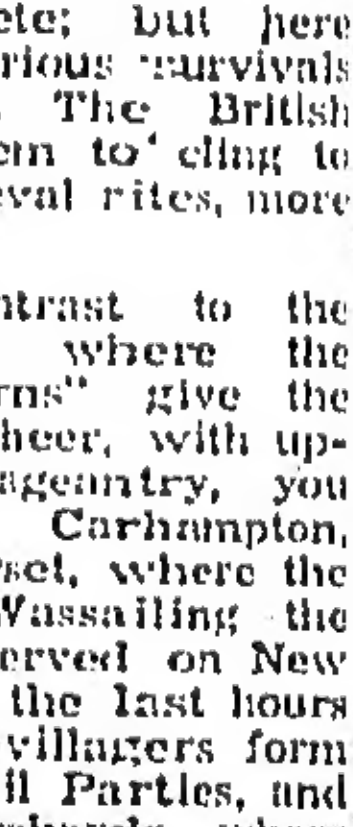
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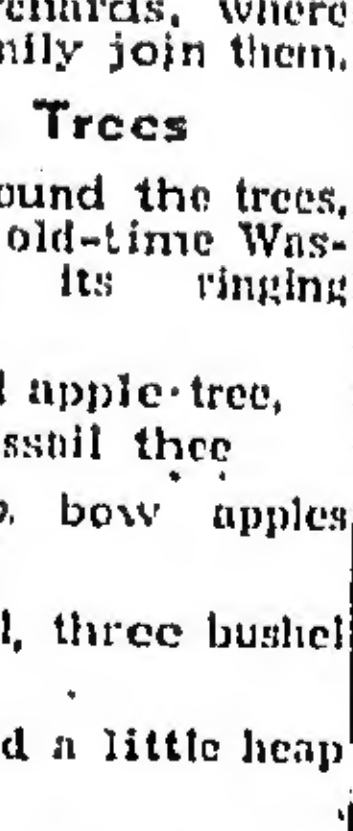
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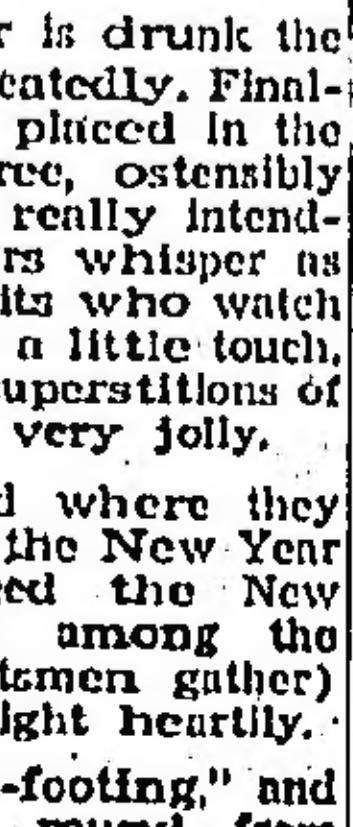
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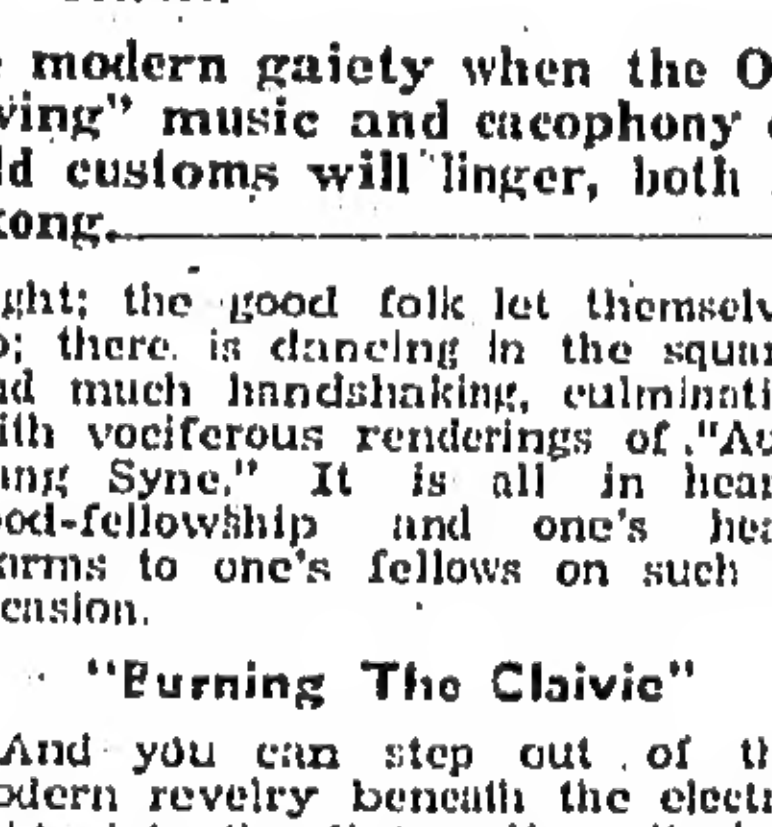
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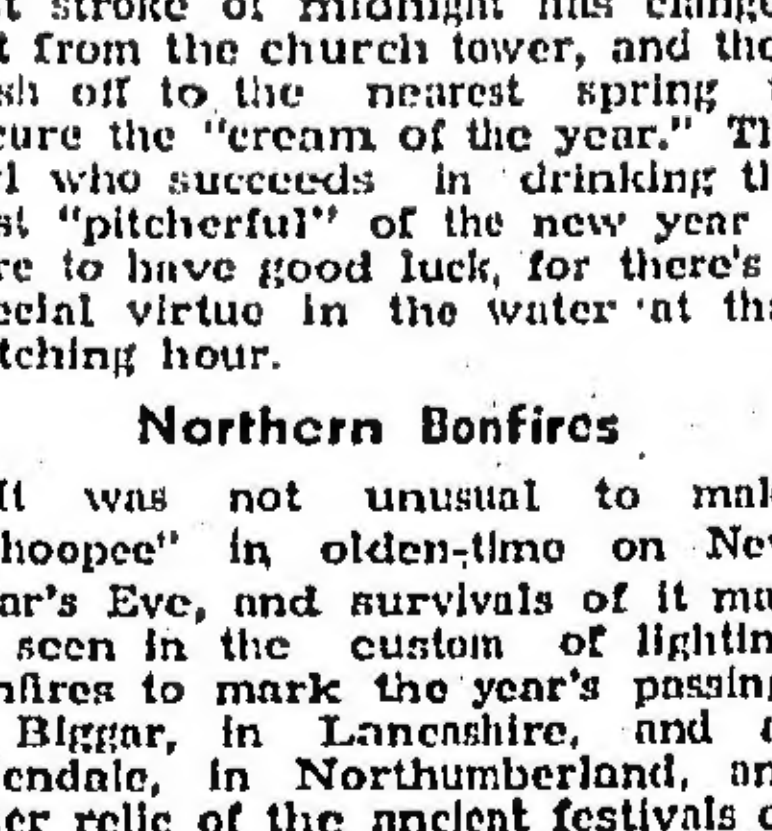
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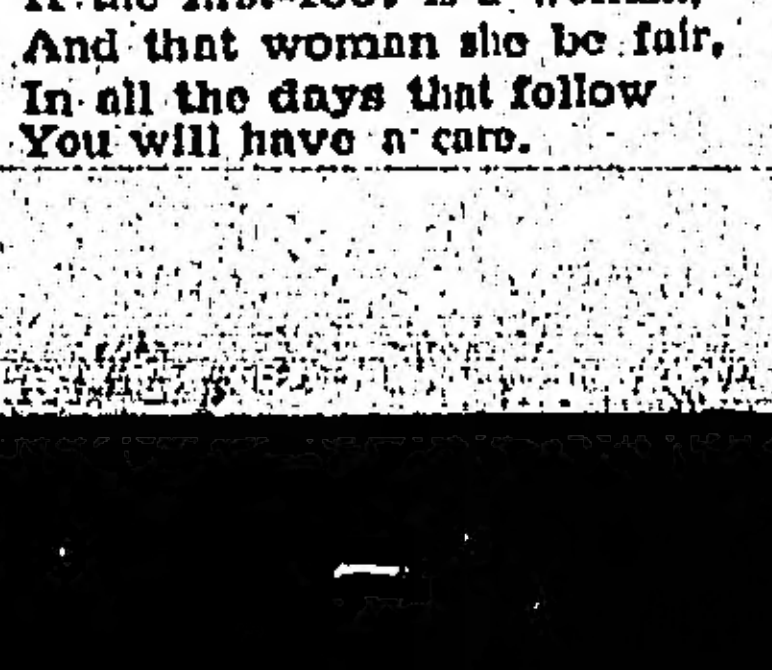
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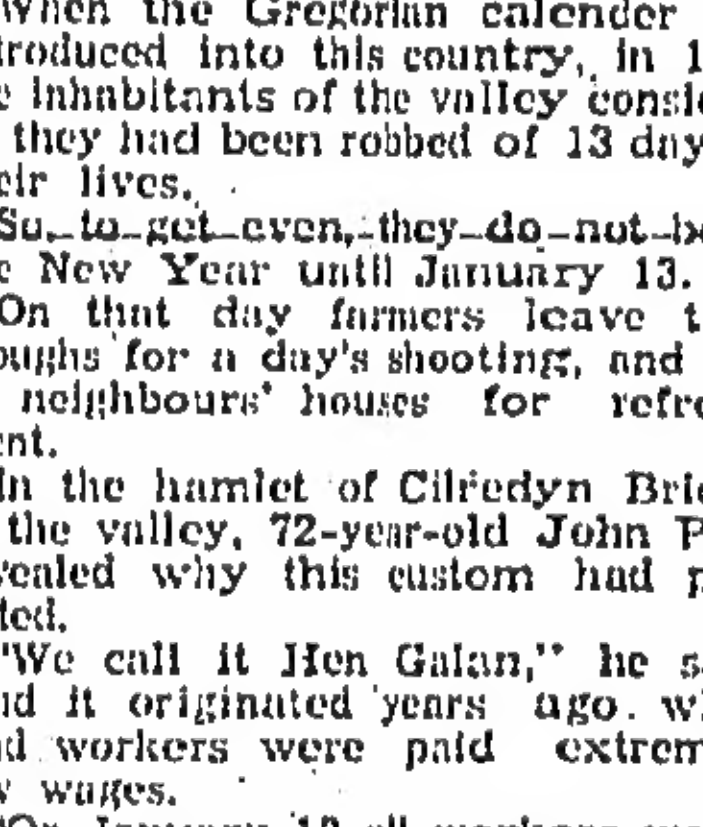
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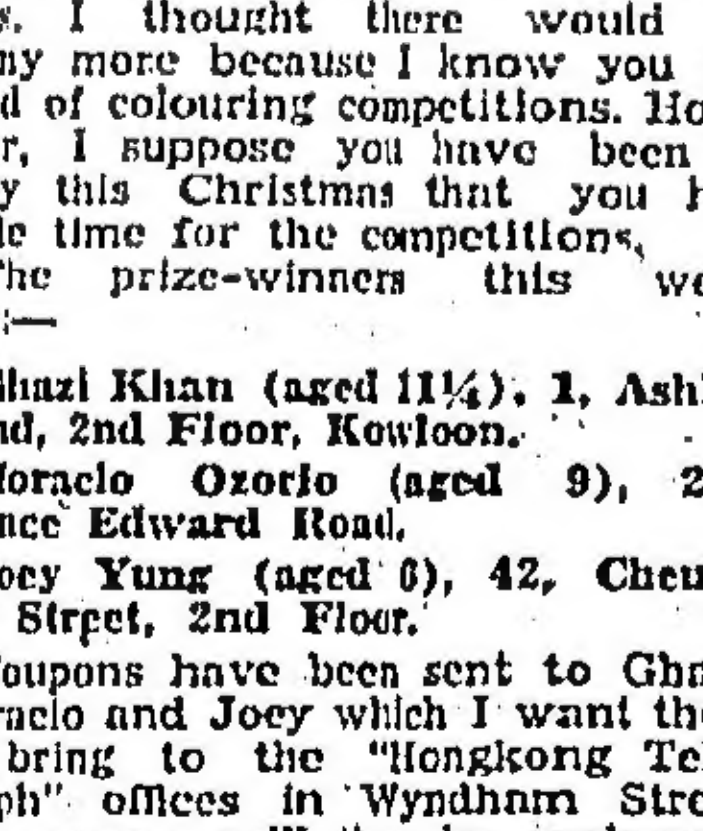
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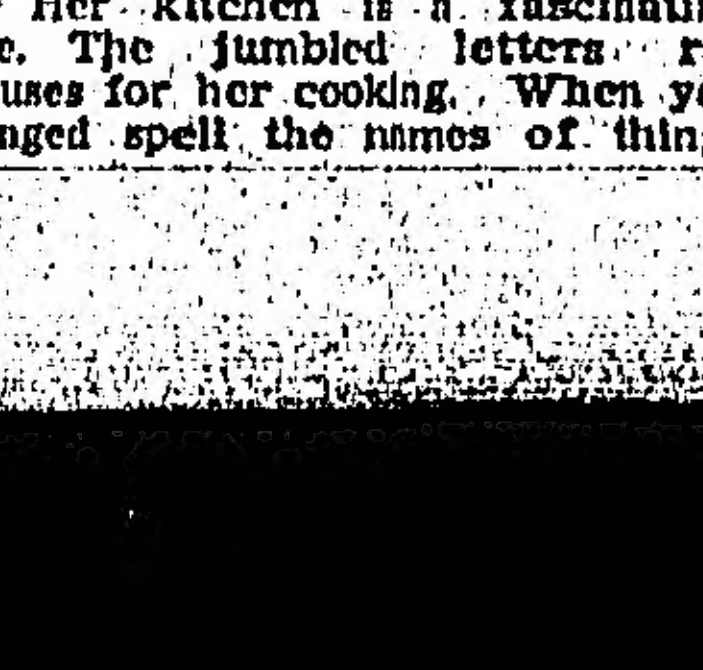
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"First Footing" As Popular In Britain As In Hongkong

BY ARTHUR SHARP

NOTWITHSTANDING all the modern gaiety when the Old Year fades out to the blare of "swing" music and cacophony of trumpets and saxophones, many old customs will linger, both in Great Britain, Ireland, and Hongkong.

In fact, the present enthusiasm in night; the good folk let themselves go; there is dancing in the squares and much handshaking, culminating in the blowing of the aged ceremony of "Burning the Clavie"—the grate of tarred staves, which is carried, blazing, on the shoulder of a swift, bare-footed young man, pursued by a "hooraying" crowd to the top of a hill facing the Moray Firth where a bonfire is made with the remains of the "clavie." It is suggested that the ceremony is a relic of some long-forgotten faith.

In parts of Galloway the ancient custom of drinking the "lower" of the water at midnight on Hogmanay is still practised, when the girls at a party wait until the last stroke of midnight has clanged out from the church tower, and then dash off to the nearest spring to secure the "cream of the year." The girl who succeeds in drinking the first "pitcherful" of the new year is sure to have good luck, for there is a special virtue in the water at that witching hour.

Many of the older customs and observances are obsolete; but here and there we find various "survivals" of ancient tradition. The British Isles in particular seem to cling to the remnants of medieval rites, more than many countries.

For instance, in contrast to the brilliant dance-halls where the "bright young" Moderns give the New Year a rousing cheer, with up-to-date gaiety and pageantry, you may take a peep at Carhampton, near Minehead, Somerset, where the ancient custom of Wassailing the fruit trees is still observed on New Year's Eve. Here in the last hours of the old year, the villagers form themselves into Wassail Parties, and proceed to certain orchards, where the farmer and his family join them.

Standing in a ring round the trees, the company sing the old-time Wassail Song, with its ringing chorus—

Old apple tree, old apple tree,
We've come to wassail thee
To bear, and to bow apples
Now.
Hats full, caps full, three bushels
bags full,
Barn floors full and a little heap
under the stairs.
After the song, cider is drunk the trees being tossed repeatedly. Finally, a piece of toast is placed in the fork of the biggest tree, ostensibly for the birds, but it is really intended, so the old Grahams whisper as an offering to the spirits who watch over apple trees. Just a little touch, you see, of the pagan superstitions of long ago. But it's all very jolly.

Travel into Scotland where they know how to welcome the New Year in proper spirit (indeed the New Year holds its own among the festivals wherever Scotsmen gather) and keep Hogmanay right heartily. There is much "first-footing," and parties of friends go round from house to house greeting each other. In town and city alike there is much excitement as the clocks chime mid-

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1940 STARTS JAN. 13--

WHILE the rest of Britain celebrates New Year's Day on Monday, in the valley called the Gwun, near Ffynnon, in West Wales, they are waiting until January 13.

When the Gregorian calendar was introduced into this country, in 1752, the inhabitants of the valley considered they had been robbed of 13 days of their lives.

So, to get even, they do not begin the New Year until January 13.

On that day farmers leave their ploughs for a day's shooting, and call on neighbours' houses for refreshment.

In the hamlet of Cilfynydd Bridge, in the valley, 72-year-old John Page revealed why this custom had persisted.

"We call it Hen Galan," he said, "and it originated years ago, when land workers were paid extremely low wages."

On January 13 all workers would take a holiday and round the farms with bags and sacks to collect food. We used to get such things as half a cheese.

"To-day people who go round the farms get cake and sometimes a substantial dinner."

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Joey Yung (aged 8), 42, Cheung On Street, 2nd Floor.

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Juniors: F. Wong, Lily Lee, Lora Jidkoff and Elsa Laurel for the lovely Christmas cards and greetings which they sent to me this week.

Gay Colours In War Time

LONDON dress designers are learning a lot about their own countryfolk by taking Fashion on tour in the Provinces. Said one of the exhibitors:

"Birmingham was not very interested, I felt it was perhaps because it is fairly close to London; and also so many people live a good way outside Birmingham.

"Manchester was a great deal better, and many people came to see the collection.

"Leeds, was splendid, and we showed to 300 people there, many of whom ordered.

"The approval of the collection itself was generous throughout the tour," he continued, "and from the trip we discovered quite definitely that—

(1) To-day very few people ever change into even the simplest dinner dress in the evening. At the most they will buy a grand but practical house coat.

(2) They are all doing some sort of war work and have little time for leisure.

(3) They want only suits (and by that I mean all sorts of suits) and plain woollen dresses with coats.

(4) They love colour and are sick to death of black and black-out.

(5) They are as interested and as cheerful about clothes as ever, and given the opportunity are anxious to carry on with their buying as before, though, of course, they have no use for as many clothes as they had before.

"Shortly we shall be in Bath and Cheltenham—a very different sort of countryside with a different sort of people."

AMERICAN SHIPS

Navy Officials Support Latest Proposal

Washington, Dec. 28. It is believed that Navy officials are ready to support the proposal, if and when made, to start building at least four 65,000-ton battleships in the next few years.

Navy experts argue that at a cost of \$32,500,000 each, they will be relatively more economical to build and operate, than 35,000 or 45,000-ton vessels.

The designs are said to be already available as a result of the long standing practice of Blue printing admirals' ideas of future battleships.

—Reuter.

Girls' and Boys' Corner

Dear Kiddies,
Very few entries this week, kiddies. I thought there would be many more because I know you are fond of colouring competitions. However, I suppose you have been so busy this Christmas that you had little time for the competitions. The prize-winners this week are—

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We are having an interesting type of competition this week, kiddies. Mother Rabbit, seen in the picture above, makes such good things to eat. Her kitchen is a fascinating place. The jumbled letters re-arranges for her cooking. When you arranged spell the names of things



This is all my own work.
Name Age
Address

have found the names, write them down neatly in a list. Fill in the name, age and address coupon and send your entries to Uncle Eddie, c/o "Hongkong Telegraph", Wyndham Street.

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Uncle Eddie

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"Give light in dark-
ness and peace in
trouble."

New Year's Day

THERE is no particular reason
why you should drop bad
habits or start good habits on Mon-
day. Any other day would do.

Why let the calendar decide your
life for you? Haven't you got a
mind of your own? Did you have to
go on playing the fool until the
last chime of midnight December
31?

If you resolve to do something
worth while as from next Monday
just because it is January 1 the bet-
ting is that you will be back at your
old tricks a long time before next
December 31.

Don't be put off from trying,
however. And don't wait till 1940
before trying again.

To fulfil a purpose, to keep it be-
fore you through a whole year is a
kind of character test. It needs
determination and persistence.

There would not be much point
in your effort if it only meant that
you had tested your character. The
virtue is that it STRENGTHENS
your character.

The resolution which MAKES
character is that which you pass
because your own judgment tells
you, and not the New Year
fashion.

If you must "resolve" for 1940,
however, try this:—

Resolve to do everything in your
power to help free the world from
the plague of tyranny and terror
that has been inflicted upon it by
Hitlerism.

Help unflinchingly and in what-
ever way the Government asks you
to fight the menace of Nazism.

Remember, however, that charity
begins at home. Try to extend the
benefits of shelter (through the
Street Sleepers' Society), and aid
(through the Society for the Protec-
tion of Children) to the victims of
poverty in our own midst. These
are the basic conditions of life, and
they can be made possible for most
of our population only if the strong
helps the weak.

Be sure of this: whatever fault
or wrong exists here, and there are
plenty, the Motherland to whom we
owe allegiance is the MOST free,
MOST just, MOST prosperous and
MOST democratic land on earth.

Don't allude to "the wife."
Say "my wife." A wife, how-
ever unsatisfactory, is not an
impersonal thing like a garage.

Never show anybody your
dogs, even if they tell you they
are interested in dogs. They
are not. Talk to them about
their dogs.

Don't lend books, cars, um-
brellas, gramophone records, or
anything except money, which
is the only thing that can come
back undamaged.

Don't blow cigarette smoke
down your nose (a) when talk-
ing to a woman, or (b) when
not talking to a woman. The
proper place for this disgusting
habit is the bathroom.

Don't carry a comb.

Special Resolution for Old
Men.

Some 1940 Resolutions For You

T IRED of making New
Year resolutions for
myself, I propose to
frame a set for the guidance
of everybody else.

In his famous essay entitled
"New Year's Eve," Charles
Lamb says, "The First of Janu-
ary is that from which all date
their time."

That is untrue. It is untrue
of the State, which insists on
muddling me up with years be-
ginning in April. There is no
such year.

The character called Grandpa
in "You Can't Take It With
You" objects to paying income
tax because he doesn't approve
of it. I approve of income tax,
but am far too logically minded
to pay tax on a year which
doesn't exist!

My first Resolution, therefore,
concerns the Treasury, which
henceforth shall collect during
1940 the tax payable in 1940,
based on the income received in
1939. That is something every-
body can understand.

MY second Resolution con-
cerns Banks, who shall
henceforth tell me how much
money they owe me on the first
of every month, instead of the
twentieth. If I owe them the
letter will, of course, be written
in red ink.

A Minor Resolution for Bank
Managers will be to refrain
from writing letters drawing
one's attention to the state of
one's overdraft for fear a remit-
tance has gone astray.

It hasn't. The pretence that
it has is pure hypocrisy.

My third Resolution concerns
employers, who should vow
henceforth to pay all salaries on
the 30th of every month.

Nothing is more annoying
than to receive a salary for work
in one month somewhere in the
next month.

I am persuaded that if the
bankers, and the employers of
this country had behaved in a
businesslike way towards me, I
should have behaved in a more
businesslike way towards them.

I NOW come to some more
personal Resolutions, and
will begin with those for men.

Do not, oh men, tell your
friends about this round of golf
or that hand at bridge. If you
must go into these excruciating
details, tell them to your
enemies.

Do not wear blue ties with
brown suits or brown shoes with
blue suits.

Do not, if you are fat, wear
a wrist-watch.

Do not keep one handker-
chief for show and another for
use.

Do not wear the same white
waistcoat twice. If you cannot
afford the laundry, wear a black
one. Do not wear a dress-shirt
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Special Resolution for Old
Men.

Do not, oh old men, enter into
any discussion as to whether
Irving was a better actor than
anybody on the stage to-day.
You will lose your temper, and
the young people will not know
what you are talking about.

And you, oh young men, try
to realise that whereas you
know all about the insides of
internal combustion engines,
your ignorance of everything
else is pitiful and ridiculous.

And you, oh men of all ages,
make some attempt to under-
stand that speed in itself is
valueless, that it is no good ac-
complishing the journey from A
to B in record time unless you
will be better occupied at B than
you were at A.

AND now for the women.
Please realise that the
male nostril prefers the scent of
saddle soap to all French stinks
whatsoever. That the male eye
is not deceived when eyebrows
are shifted to the neighbourhood
of the ears. I once knew a man
who was on the point of propos-
ing to a girl when her eyelashes
fell into the whitebait.

If nature has made you
beautiful, let men see that
beauty. If nature has made you
hideous, do not draw attention
to that hideousness.

If you must make up, take
care only to accentuate the
beauties you already possess. If
you are scrappy, don't wear low
dresses. If you have arms like
the thighs of oxen, cover them
up.

Never wear sandals.

Never, in evening dress, carry
a long wisp of something that
isn't going to wipe anything.

Never tuck a handkerchief in-
to a bracelet.

Avoid slave bangles.

Do not colour your nails. Do
not wear them long. Both prac-
tices, besides being hideous,
suggest the harems of the East.
Long nails indicate that you
cannot cook or wash up, play
the piano or put on a gram-
ophone record without scratching
it.

Dress in any fashion except
that of the moment. If your
taste is individual and not mob,
there is a chance that you may
not look a fright.

DO not laugh unless you
have seen or heard
something funny.

Stay at home twice as often.

Do not exhibit your children,
even if people say they like chil-
dren. They don't. Talk to
them about their brats.

Leave the dinner-table when
the men begin to smoke. The
things men have to say after
dinner are not the concern of
women. They concern women.

Do not, when your husband
has brought a friend home to
dinner, say that you will take
"perhaps a glass" out of the
bottle. Tell him to get another
bottle and you will have your
whack at both.

If you see your husband with
another woman, do not pretend
to admire her. He knows you
don't.

Do not crowd into the Grip-
ps Lobby. You get in the way of
men who are really needing a
drink.

FOR men and women. In
the cinema. Do not
get up during the last three
minutes of a picture.

In the restaurant. Decide be-
fore you go in whether you are
going to have the meal pre-
scribed or dine a la carte. Know
beforehand whether you are go-
ing to drink champagne or
cocoa.

Having given your order, stick
to it. Don't blame the boy for
something which is not his fault.

Don't tell the captain that
they do you better at the other

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"You only want snapshots of yourself standing by the car—
Did we have to travel 2,000 miles for that?"

LONDON LOG

Air Mail News From Home

THE rapid discovery of an an-
swer to Hitler's magnetic
mines is due largely to the
genius of Professor F. A. Linde-
mann, a Christ Church don and
one of Oxford's most distin-
guished scientists.

Professor Lindemann has long
been a personal friend of Mr.
Winston Churchill, who used to
consult him when preparing his
Budget speeches. Now Mr.
Churchill has made him head of
a special department at the Ad-
miralty under his own super-
vision.

His duties are to examine and
advise on the various inventions
submitted to the Admiralty. But he
has also had time to conduct exten-
sive research of his own.

Air Force Research

In his middle fifties, tall, with
iron-grey hair and moustache, the
Professor is a soft-voiced, entertain-
ing conversationalist with a talent
for sarcastic invective.

In the last war he was an experi-
mental pilot and director of the
R.A.F.'s Physical Laboratory at
Farnborough. And he discovered
how pilots could get out of a "spin"
at a time when a spin meant a cer-
tain crash.

He worked out his theory on
paper. The authorities were scepti-
cal at first of these "paper aero-
dynamics."

"Very well," said the Professor,
"I'll do it myself."

Mr. Inskip's Escape

LORD CALDECOTE, the Lord
Chancellor, is receiving con-
gratulations on the recent fortunate
escape of his only son, the Hon.
Robin Inskip.

Mr. Inskip, who is in the R.N.V.R.,
was serving in a minesweeper when
it was blown up by a mine. He es-
caped with little worse than a few
bruises.

Mr. Inskip is a young man of con-
siderable ability. But it lies in the
direction of science and engineering
rather than his father's profession of
the law.

abode of sumptuousity. He is
longing to ask why the blazes
you didn't go there.

Don't smile sweetly at the
leader of the band. If you must
be nice to him, send word that
there is a bottle of beer waiting
for him at the back.

Don't dance unless you are
young, slim, and good-looking.

At the telephone. Remember
that nine-tenths of all telephone
conversations are unnecessary.
Say what you must say as brief-
ly as possible.

GENERAL advice. If you
are in doubt about do-
ing anything, don't.

If you can avoid doing any-
thing, do.

In the present state of the
world, the fewer people acting
and talking the better. Even
thinking is dangerous.

Try to resemble the cabbage.
Consider its ways and be wise.

To Be Naval Architect

He took brilliant mathematical de-
grees at Cambridge, and hopes to be-
come a naval architect.

He inherits a naval tradition
through his mother, whose brother,
Lord Glasgow, is head of a noted
naval family.

From the Home Front

SIR SAMUEL HOARE is speaking
to-day to the Conservative As-
sociation in his constituency, Chelsea.
As every hall in Chelsea is in use
for some war-time purpose, Sir
Samuel will speak in a large private
room.

Apart from the Prime Minister's
speech, which was read at the Lord
Mayor's luncheon by Sir John Simon,
this is, I think, the first platform
speech made by a Cabinet Minister
outside the House of Commons since
the war.

Sir Samuel will talk about the
Home Front. He will emphasise the
necessity of war-time restrictions and
ask the public to bear them cheer-
fully.

Other Speeches

I understand that this speech will
be the forerunner of others by
Ministers, including members of the
War Cabinet.

These speeches should serve a
useful purpose in keeping the public
informed and in maintaining a
closer personal touch with the men
who are running the war.

Searching the Vaults

I TOOK the precaution of searching
the vaults of the Houses of Par-
liament before the opening ceremony
to-day, to ensure that no modern
Guy Fawkes had secreted explosives
there.

Ten Yeomen of the Guard, in full-
dress red and gold uniform, sabres
and all, arrived just before me in a
private bus, with the same object.
Only three of them, I was shocked
to observe, wore beards.

"We're beardless boys now," said
an aged befeeder, King Edward
VII. made the beards optional, and
a lot of the Yeomen shaved them off.

But when King George VI. came
to the throne some started to grow
them again. After all these years,
they couldn't stand the shaving.

"And finally enough," remarked
Colonel E. B. Frederick, Esquire of
the King's Bodyguard, "their wives
liked them better with beards."

"King's Bodyguard, slow march!"
requested the colonel, and together
we filed through the Chamber, carry-
ing lanterns like a Gilbert and Sul-
livan chorus without the music.

The yeomen then lowered them-
selves carefully backwards, one by
one, through a trap-door, down a
sleep iron staircase to the vaults.

The vaults were like the engine-
room of a liner, all pipes and tur-
bines and smelling of oil.

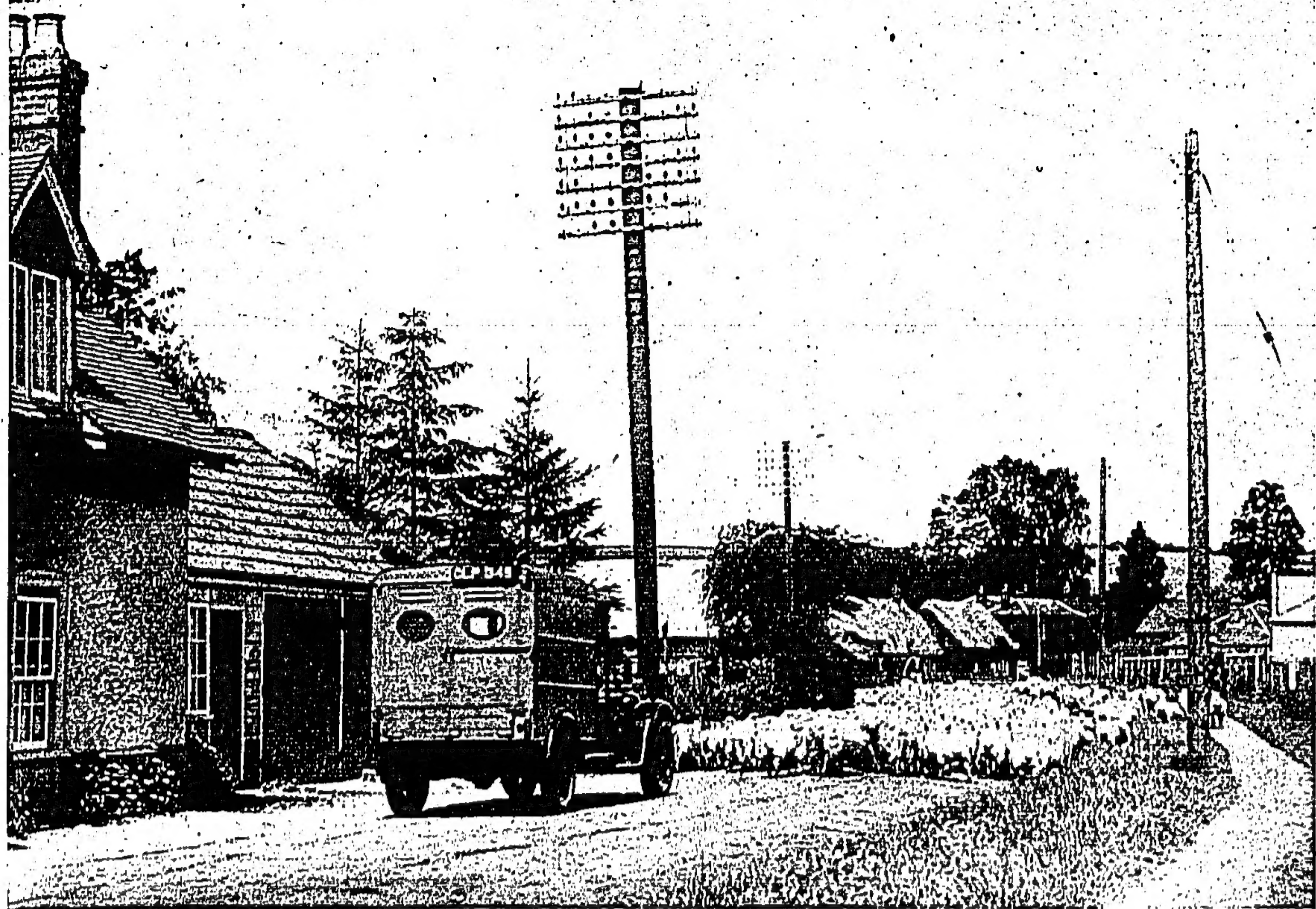
16 Mile Patrol

Looking conscientiously around, I
saw junk and scrap-iron, rusty iron
bars, stacks of disused timber,
derelict office furniture, bits of orna-
mental ironwork, an elaborate but
forgotten Victorian chandelier—
ample hiding-places for a bomb.

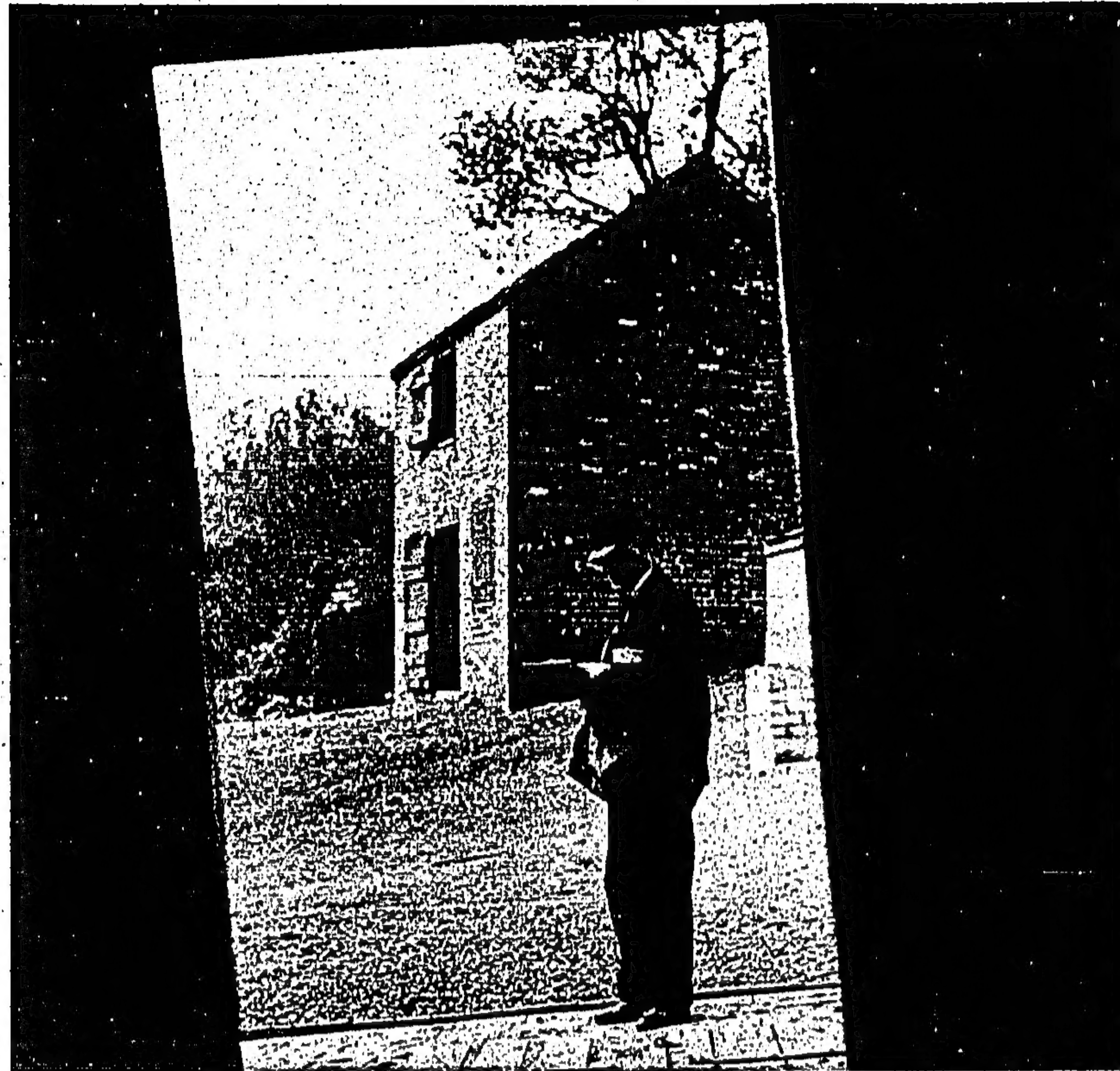
The Yeomen clamped ahead,
swinging their lanterns, chatting
among themselves looking neither to
right nor to left. After a mile or
so of this we reached the exit.

I should add, for the reassurance
of those who remember the Gun-
powder Plot, that last night a patrol
swayed 16 miles through the vaults
of the Houses of Parliament, explor-
ing every cranny. They do so every
night.

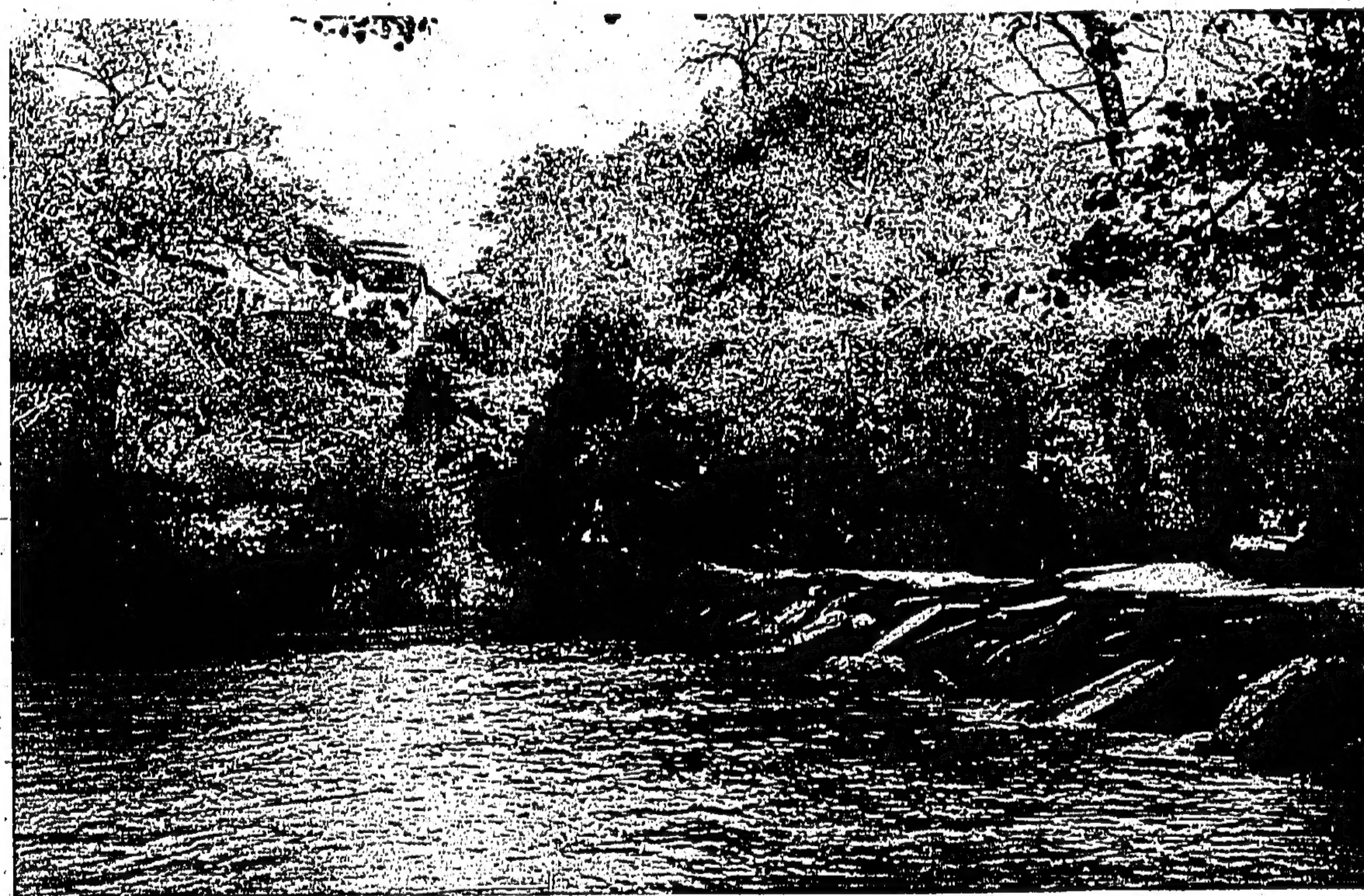
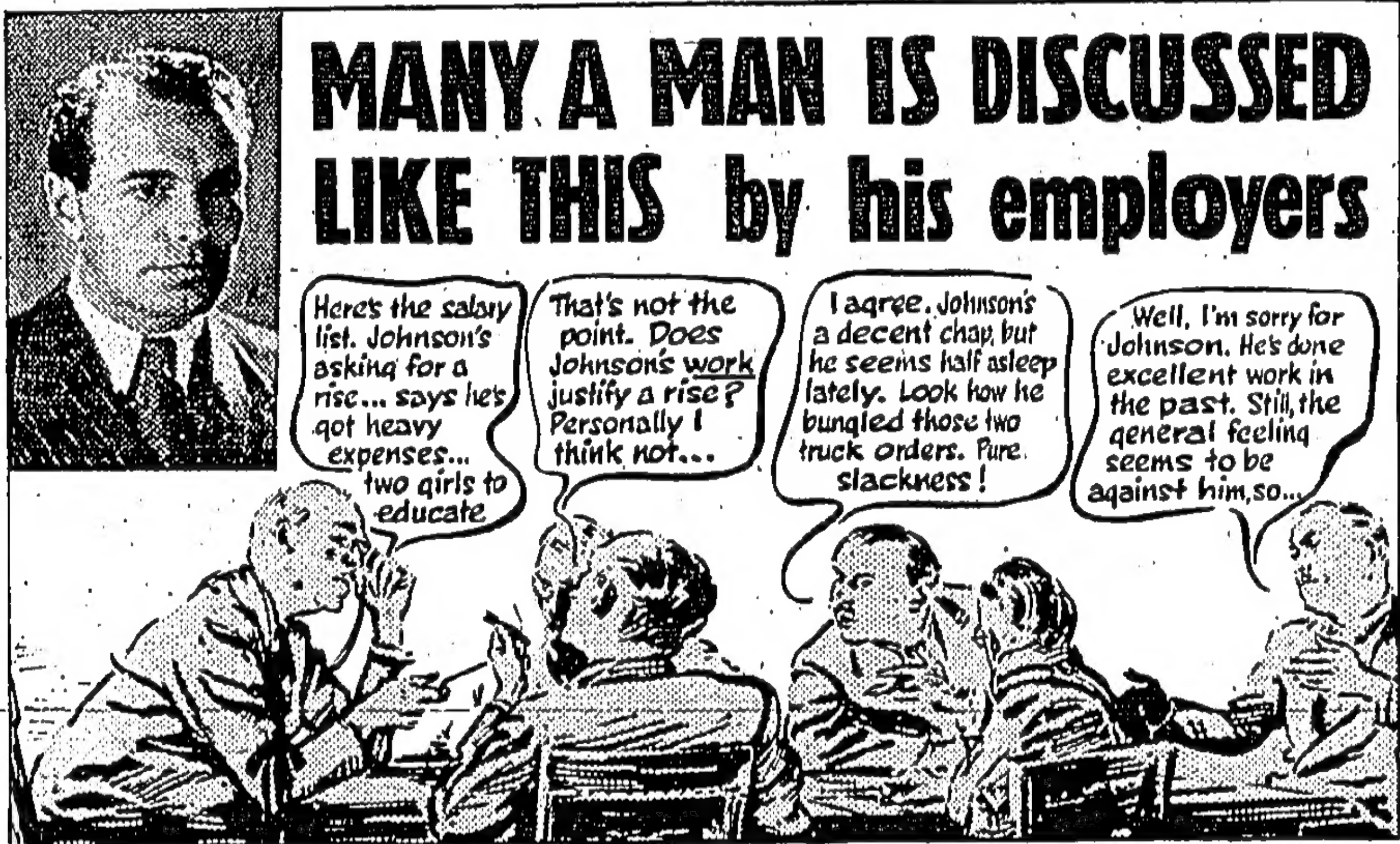
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Local Christmas Events In Pictures



CATHEDRAL-WEDDING.—Group photograph taken after the recent wedding of Mr. John H. L. Kwee and Miss Clara S. C. Yeung. The bride is a sister of Mrs. B. L. Tao, formerly Miss Yeung Sau-king, champion swimmer. The bride was attended by the Misses Cheong, Angeline To, Chow Yuk-king, and Silvia and Gloria Go.—Ming Yuen.



FANCY DRESS PARTY. Group photograph taken at the recent Christmas party held last week by Graeme and Elizabeth Orem.—Ming Yuen.



K.B.G.C. PARTY. Group photograph taken at the recent Children's Christmas Party held at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. Included in the group are Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor.—Mee Cheung.

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Shanghai Paper Disgruntled

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29 (UP).—The "Shanghai Evening Post" in an editorial replying to the British agency report from Hongkong in which the Hongkong censor allegedly denied that transit mail was censored in Hongkong as alleged in an earlier editorial, said the paper was able to produce proof that a neutral company's letter from Bern, via Hongkong, bears the censor's sticker "Opened by Censor."

The paper says it has information that the Hongkong censor is even censoring mail to Shanghai from Swatow via Hongkong.

In another section of to-day's paper the "Shanghai Evening Post" reproduces a photo of the Bern letter showing the Hongkong censor's sticker over a torn envelope.

The British report stated that transit mail via Hongkong was not opened but merely stamped "Passed by Censor."

WEEKLY TRAFFIC TOLL

Many People Injured In Street Mishaps

During the week ending Saturday, there were in Hongkong 81 traffic accidents, as the result of which 26 people were injured. Of those injured, 16 were pedestrians who were crossing the roadway and were struck by vehicles.

Two bicycle riders and a lorry passenger were injured as the result of collisions between vehicles. Two bus passengers were injured when their bus ran into a verandah pillar. Two lorry passengers were injured on falling off moving lorries. A tram passenger was injured while alighting from a moving tram. One bus passenger and one lorry passenger were injured while attempting to board a moving bus and a moving lorry respectively.

Of 81 accidents, 40 were collisions between vehicles; 26 were collisions between vehicles and pedestrians; 15 accidents were due to other causes.

MR. H. G. SHELDON

Hongkong Barrister May Be Police Magistrate

It is understood that Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., who has been appointed Crown Counsel from January 1, will shortly be appointed a Police Magistrate.

Mr. Sheldon has been a barrister-at-law in Hongkong since 1925 and has been briefed for the Crown in several criminal cases. He was made a King's Counsel in 1937.

EARTHQUAKE TAKES TERRIFIC TOLL

Istanbul, Dec. 29.

Conservative estimates put the total killed and injured in the earthquake at over 25,000 mostly killed.

According to the Turkish newspaper *Haber* the Erzingjan district alone suffered 42,000 casualties mostly killed, out of a total population of 60,000.

It is reported that 15 provincial towns and 90 villages and hamlets have been reduced to ruins. Railway communications are still interrupted as a result of collapsed bridges and the suffering of victims was accentuated by the extreme cold; the temperature reached 30 degrees below zero. Many homeless persons were frozen to death in the absence of any kind of shelter. The town of Kermas has been almost completely destroyed.

President Incepu has telegraphed the provincial governors expressing the sorrow felt by himself and the whole nation for the victims of the disaster. Donations and offers of help are forthcoming from all parts of the country.

Further violent shocks occurred in the devastated areas yesterday.

Seventy Per Cent Casualties

Istanbul, Dec. 29. Official reports from the eastern Turkish quake zone speak of frightful destruction and suffering. In Erzingjan province alone it is feared that the casualties might be 70 per cent of the population, but estimates of the dead and wounded in the populations of the cities amounting to hundreds of thousands have not yet arrived. Erzingjan city has a population of 80,000 and unconfirmed reports place the casualties at 42,000 killed and injured. The cities stretch from the Black Sea far inland, and devastation has spread over an area of 25,000 square miles.

Some of the affected zones are without food and the few medical relief organizations are confronted with enormous difficulties, because the shocks have disrupted communications, railroads and highways—the first relief train reached Erzingjan last night.

While all the casualty figures are still unconfirmed, recent statistics give the populations of the towns reported to be the worst hit as Sivas 70,000, Erzingjan 60,000, Kermas 20,000 and Plumer 15,000.—United Press.

May Be 100,000 Dead

Reports from Erzingjan, centre of the earthquake area, indicated the possibility that there are 100,000 dead.

However, this has not yet been officially checked.—United Press.

120,000 Reported Dead

Rome, Dec. 30. The *Gazzetta d'Italia's* Istanbul correspondent reports that 120,000 have been killed at Erzingjan, which is completely in ruins. It is also reported that many other villages have disappeared leaving no trace.—United Press.

R.A.F. 'Plane Flown With Half A Wing

Reached Home After Raid On Germany

A flying feat with a 'plane which was almost wingless was revealed when details became known of a successful R.A.F. flight over North-West Germany.

One of the machines was safely brought back with:

Only the framework of one wing left, and

Half of the other wing gone.

The crew of this British 'plane were two young New Zealand pilots—one a short, slim schoolmaster, who comes from Gisborne; the other a tall wool buyer from Masterton.

The damage to the wings might have been caused by lightning or by anti-aircraft fire. It is not yet certain which, but with the aircraft in this condition, the pilots kept on flying and were able to bring the machine home safe if not sound.

A Blinding Flash

"A blinding yellow flash followed by a big bang" was how No. 1 pilot described the happening that nearly wrecked them. This occurred when they were flying at about 2,000 feet, and they thought for the moment that they were being threatened by enemy fighters.

Presently the aircraft began to go round and round in uncontrollable circles and to drop at an alarming rate. Believing that they were about to fall into the sea, the second pilot, who was also the navigator, went all to get the dinghy ready. He made his way back into the cabin and was dismayed to discover that practically all that was left of the top of the port wing was a framework. Taking a look on the other side, he discovered that half the aileron was stripped off the starboard wing.

That the aircraft was able to fly in such a condition was no less remarkable than the skill with which the navigator kept his pilot going the navigator had him with sandwiches and hot coffee. The effort of bringing the aircraft home was such that when they landed the pilot's right arm was temporarily paralysed.

Saved By Instinct

"The instinct of self-preservation pulled us through," he said afterwards, when he had partly slept off his exhaustion.

"Anyhow, what a nitwit I should have been to let her fall into the sea pulling her out of that fall through space."

It gives some idea of the intensity of the cold on these flights, which on occasion reaches almost Arctic severity, to realise that a 10-year-old wireless navigator, when opening his vacuum flask to have a drink of hot tea, spilled some of it on the key of his wireless transmitter and that the hot liquid immediately froze.

In a reference to the recent flight an official German news agency declared that one British aeroplane made a forced landing on the sea and sent out an S.O.S. This 'plane, they added, must be counted out.

Since, however, all the aircraft which took part in the flight returned safely to their bases, the German statement and not the British 'plane must be counted out.

Finnish Advance At A Standstill

Russians Reported To Be Consolidating

In three different sectors the Finns are fighting on Russian soil. Two Soviet companies are said to have been wiped out in hand-to-hand fighting on the ice on Lake Suvenio in the Kurellan Isthmus. An attempt is being made to cut the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway, thus preventing the Russians in the north from receiving reinforcements.

The Russians are said to be digging in along the Northern Front, apparently in anticipation of a stalemate which will last the remainder of the winter, while the Finns, whose advance towards Petsamo has gradually halted, have denied that they intend pushing further north immediately.

Helsinki, Dec. 29.

In the far north the Finnish counter-attack towards Petsamo appears to have come to a standstill, but between Petsamo and Suomussalmi the Finns are holding gains in the forest-clad border area. The Russians are reported to have lost 150 tanks in the last few days on the northern front.—Reuter Bulletin.

Soviet Digging In

Rovaniemi, Dec. 29. It is stated in authoritative sources that fighting occurred last night between Russian troops behind their lines in the Salla sector.

Machine gun and rifle fire was clearly heard by Finnish troops. It is not known whether the Russians fired on their own men or on a Finnish patrol.

At Petsamo the Russians have begun digging trenches. This is taken to mean that they are not planning an advance. The snow falling at present has brought operations to a standstill.

There have been no important developments in the Kunsamo sector, 70 miles south of Salla.

Authoritative quarters deny that General Vallenius is launching a new offensive in the Salla sector immediately. For obvious reasons no indication of operations is the number of troops in the sector is given.

Finnish air patrols are constantly operating behind the Russian lines in the Salla sector in the direction of Kandalaksha on the White Sea, which has been approached a few times. This is the terminus of the Murmansk railway. It is therefore believed that one or another of these patrols reached the Murmansk railway at one or more points. General Vallenius himself has said that Finnish patrols had penetrated close to the Russian White Sea bases.—United Press.

Plight Of Reds In North

Copenhagen, Dec. 28. The *Aftenbladet's* Helsinki correspondent reports there is widespread hunger among the Russians in the north as a result of the interruption of supplies. The *Berlingske Tidende's* correspondent said groups of Russians on the Salla front near the Arctic Circle have been cut off by Finnish troops and forced to surrender. In the far north the deep snow has rendered the Russian tanks immobile.—United Press.

Reuter says: On the Petsamo front, the Russians have completely lost the initiative and are practically in a state of siege. A Finnish officer who has just returned from that area reports that at least 150 Soviet tanks are snow-bound and in many cases the Finns have found their crews frozen to death inside. Some Soviet tank detachments have placed their tanks in a circle, forming a small but effective fortress.

Officer's Diary Found

Copenhagen, Dec. 29. Extracts from the diary of a Russian officer killed in Finland have been published by the *Berlingske Tidende*.

The first entry, dated November 10, says officers of the company were stationed on the Finnish frontier for a fortnight, having participated in the invasion of Poland.

On December 3, the officer expresses surprise that the Finns should burn their houses and fight the Red Army, since the Russian officers and men had been told they would be received as liberators.

A few days later, the officer wrote that his men had no courage. Disease was spreading. The cold was too great and most of the men would not fight.

Later he states that it is a bad sign that the Red officers are not better trained and had not more courage than the men.—Reuter.

Long Line Held

Rovaniemi, Dec. 29. After one month of invasion, according to Finnish maps drawn by military circles here, the Finns are still holding a 1,200 mile line of forests, snowy tundras and frozen wastes—about seven times as long as the Maginot and Siegfried Lines.—United Press.

Along Southern Coast

Helsinki, Dec. 29. Air activity was resumed this morning at Karja on the southern coast, which was bombed. The results are so far unknown.

Farvoo on the coast east of Helsinki received the alarm, which was also sounded at Hangoe at 10 a.m.

A considerable number of planes were sighted in south Finland during the night but no bombs were dropped.—United Press.

Fog Bell Stolen

Named after Comdr. G. W. M. Beckwith, a former Harbour Master of Hongkong, and erected in 1927 at a cost of £600, the aerial fog bell at Lam Tong Island, L'ecmun Pass, has been stolen.

The bell has actually been missing since sometime in October, but the loss was not discovered until Thursday.

The bell is made of bronze and weighs 800 lbs., being imported originally from Stockholm.

It was housed inside a steel structure, the door to which has been broken, while the apparatus was also damaged.

In the old days before the bell was installed, many ships foundered near the spot where it was erected, including a P. & O. liner.

Mine Menace "Exploded"

MINE-SOWING seaplanes of the Nazi Air Force have suspended operations. Like the Nazi Grand Fleet, they are bottled up.

Out-ranged, out-gunned, and out-flown by Security Patrols of the R.A.F., they skulk in underground hangars, hewn from the solid rock of Goering's "secret" seaplane bases in the Frisian Islands.

The crews of our heavy bombers which maintain the day and night patrol have orders to exterminate mine-sowers and to destroy them at sight.

From Borkum, in the East Frisian Group, to Sylt, in the North, our Security Patrols keep a constant lookout for the white wake of an enemy seaplane.

A Blank Week

But in a whole week's vigil not one Nazi plane has ventured on to its slippy for mine-laying operations in the North Sea.

The Security Patrols are quite distinct from the regular North Sea air patrol which has been maintained throughout the war.

Security Patrols comprise two types of twin-engined, long-range heavy bombers, each carrying a crew of five and several tons of bombs.

One type mounts four guns, in electrically-operated turrets, and has a range, with full military load, of 1,940 miles.

The second type of bomber has five guns and a range of 3,240 miles.

Non-Stop Patrol

An eight-hour turn of Security duty includes two North Sea crossings (out and home) and a ceaseless patrol of the six island bases.

Borkum, Nordendy, Langeoog, and Wangeroog, of the Eastern group, cover some 40 miles. Sylt and Feohr, in the Northern group, have a "son frange" of about 25 miles.

Between the island groups lie the mouths of the Rivers Ems and Weser and the entrances to Wilhelmshaven and the Kiel Canal—all of which receive their due share of aerial observation.

Flying Low

Security Patrol bombers fly below the minimum effective range of anti-aircraft guns; occasionally almost down to sea-level. At night their work is helped by the discharge of their own parachute flares.

Their crews are drawn from regular R.A.F. squadrons, with a seasoning of Dominion pilots. All are skilled in long-range night flying, and many of them have gained useful experience by leaflet raids into Germany.

Each plane carries a captain, navigator, radio operator and two gunners, expert in the use of bomb sights. Their flying suits are electrically heated.

Although their continuous activities over the seaplane bases are well-known to Nazi Air Force chiefs, no fighters have been sent up to try conclusions with them.

The reason for this reluctance, is that Goering still prefers the old "Richthofen Circus" tactics of hunting in packs and swooping on a weaker adversary.

In the R.A.F. Security Patrol he is up against whole squadrons whose crews have already shown superior initiative combined with a resolution to see the job through at all costs.

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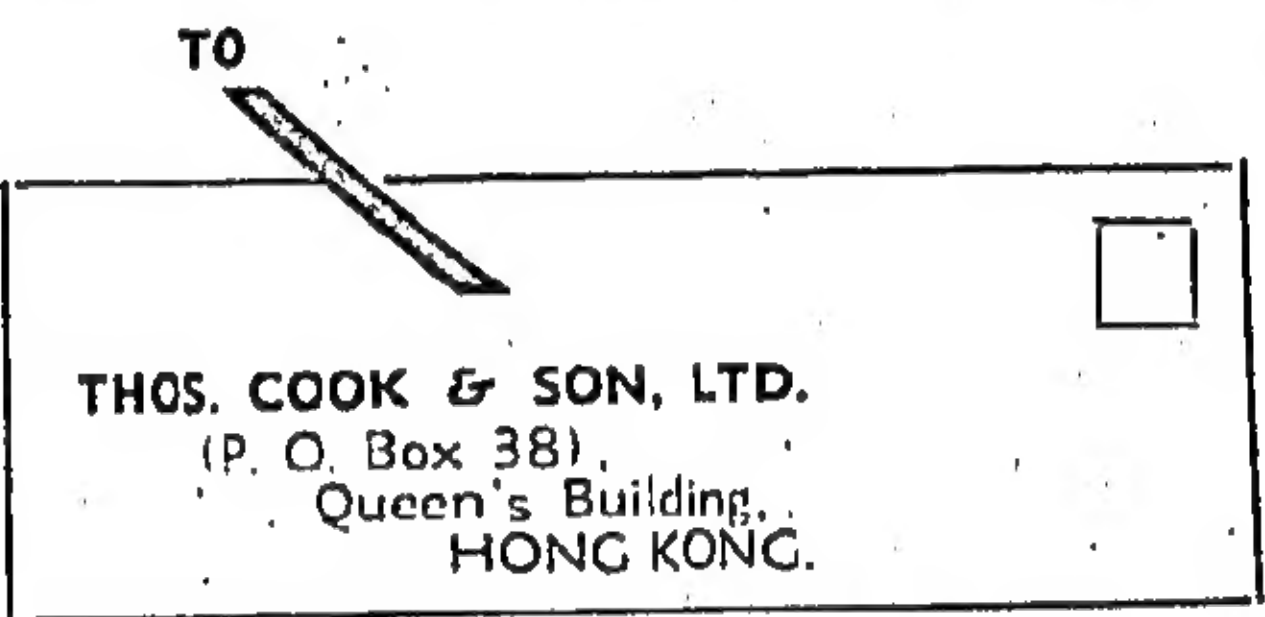
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THE WORK OF INSIDE FORWARDS

Different Opinions In Different Teams: Scope For Individuality

(By "Rox")

HAVING GONE to great lengths to describe some of the finer points of half-back play, I now propose to deal with the next set of workers, upon whose efforts and to whom, in a large measure, the success of a team is dependent—the inside forwards.

Of all the members of a football team the inside forwards have the most interesting jobs; they move in the places which provide the greatest scope for individuality.

I do not mean to suggest that they can play as units. They must always adapt themselves as part and parcel of the general scheme. But the things they do—or any rate, the things they can do—are pretty widespread, and are influenced by the run of the game or the methods adopted by his particular team. There is no rule of thumb about their play.

There is a lot of difference between the play of the inside men in various teams, and ideas concerning the work of these men are subject to repeated changes. There is one point, however, concerning which there is general unanimity, and has seen little change throughout the years. They must be workers.

The idea of the inside men being the "pendulum" members of a football team is a recent innovation, and is a fallacy that calls for argument. Players like Thoburn of the Navy, Fat Jorge of Kowloon, are duplicates of such "old-timers" as A. V. Gosano, etc. The idea that it is only the modern inside men who play a part in defence is wrong. This is a part of the helping business, and right down the line, the inside men have been the fetchers and the carriers. It is concerning the extent to which the inside men, having done the fetching and the carrying, shall follow up and take a real part in the attacks of their own side, that there is a difference of opinion.

GREAT players have their influence on the sport. A. V. Gosano, who played his first inside right at the age of 10 in the right berth, Lee Wing-long in the match against Hongkong played inside-right for Shanghai, Sun Kam-shuen, inside-left for Hongkong and Shanghai. I can draw on many more, but for my argument I will select Fung King-cheong, who, in my estimation, is the best inside-right Hongkong has ever seen.

Fung is seldom or never prominent in goal-scoring. Not because he is a poor shooter, that has been proved the contrary, but because in his ordinary game he does not go far enough up to make goal-scoring a reasonable possibility.

Fung is content—if that is the right word to use—to stay back, pick up the loose balls in the centre of the field, draw opponents with his clever tricks, and then send one of his own forwards away with a pass. South China "A" owe their reputation to Fung.

I have seen these goals scored on countless occasions. An opposing team would be pressing hard. The ball would be cleared, picked up by Fung, swung out to the wings or up the middle of the field, and in a matter of three or four kicks the ball was in the opposition's net.

"Sneak goals" or goals against the run of play, they are called. But there was nothing lucky about such goals. They were part of a plan, the carrying out of which was made possible by the genius of Fung, and

Senior And Junior Shield Soccer Draw

The draw for the second round of the senior and junior shield football competitions and for the Lai Wah Cup competition will take place at the monthly Council meeting of the Football Association on January 8, at 5.30 p.m. in the Association's office.

Good Place Kicker Needed By Club

(By "Fly-half")

THE AFTERNOON on the Club ground at Happy Valley, the Club entertain the Navy in a Triangular Rugby Tournament match—kick-off at 4 p.m. Club, although superior to their opponents in the last game between these two teams, very nearly lost through giving the Navy penalty kicks which Paul made good use of. This afternoon the same story may be re-acted so the result is anything but certain.

Club may score tries, but will they manage to convert them? Few converts have been secured by Club this season, and the services of Watson, who is sadly missed in this respect, are sorely needed. Club may score, Navy are capable of equalising through the wonderful kicking of Paul.

With Stevens and Paul as centres, Navy have a grand pair of tackles, who should shake their opposites up a bit, and thus prevent or keep down the score. The real danger to Navy will come from Stewart on the Club wing who has been coasting through all attempts to tackle him in the last few games.

CLUB CHANGES

CLUB RETAIN most of last week's successful players. Henderson, although picked, has had to call off and Wanklyn has come in.

In the light scrums, Brown and Castleton are a pair of well-matched hookers; although the latter will have to improve on last week's display. There should be very little to choose between the rival packs in the loose and in the lineouts.

Thomson, now settling down to the game as played here, should have an advantage over Clark at the base of the scrum, and Charter of Club should be more than a match for Carter, the Navy stand-off half.

The game between Club "A" and the 5th A.A. Regt. XV, which begins at 2.45 p.m., should be full of life with the Clubmen just winning.

The teams are:
Club—F. M. Thompson, D. H. Stewart, J. Henderson, J. C. Charter, D. I. Bosanquet, J. M. Thomson, J. H. Henderson, P. Wanklyn (Capt.), G. Castleton, P. Wanklyn, A. M. Kennedy, C. P. Needham, G. C. Godfrey, A. J. G. Taylor, D. W. Deane.
5th A.A. Regt. XV—Tel. Bowden, Tel. Paul, Pay, Lt. Stevens, Drury, Lt. Carter, Lt. Comdr. Clark (Capt.), L. A. Palmer, Lt. Brown, Ldg. Wtr. Barlow, C. Wtr. King, Ldg. Wtr. Ferris, Lt. Farnham, Pay, Lt. Charter, Capt. Reserves A. B. Longmuir, L. A. C. Gale.
Club A—H. F. Hopkins, Lt. Van Leeuwen (Capt.), D. H. Nelson, R. M. Laville, B. C. Fay, G. Treddler, J. S. Dunnett, K. W. Salter, E. W. Stout, H. Jones, A. G. Swann, W. Burford, A. G. Daniel, J. Redman.

CRUSTACEANS MATCH

The Crabbe v. Lobsters football match players between boys of the Peak School during the Christmas holidays.—See Chung.

AUSTRALIAN RULES DEBUT



One of the players preparing to punt in the Australian Rules football match at Causeway Bay yesterday. The game was between teams of Australian Naval Reservists.—Sung Yuen.

Spectacular Game Which Requires Large Ground

(By "Tinker")

AUSTRALIAN RULES, the League Football game from "down under", made its debut in the Colony at Causeway Bay yesterday when two teams of Australian Naval Reservists opposed each other on one of the Navy football grounds. It proved a spectacular game, but required a much larger ground than was allotted, while a turfed surface would also have been of considerable assistance. The hard baked clay upon which they did play could hardly be expected to bring out the best of a game that in many respects is like rugby.

Actually it seemed a combination of rugby, basketball and soccer. To me it was a great improvement on rugby union football, and the game showed what an immense difference in speed there would be in rugby union if scrums were disallowed.

In Australian Rules, drop-kicks are a specialised feature. Punts of sixty or more yards are not uncommon, and these are not at random, but are directed towards one of the players of the same side standing way down the field. To reach the flying ball, the players seem to leap to prodigious heights and pick the ball out of the air. Such a move successfully accomplished between players of the same side constitutes a "mark" and from the spot where the ball was received, the receiver is allowed an uninterrupted, free-kick.

CONGESTION

IN THIS MANNER the ball travels up and down the field at a great rate. But yesterday the field was very congested. There are 18 men a side, and the normal size of the Rules' field is about 300 yards long and 150 yards wide, and is oval. It can be imagined what the comparatively small football field looked like with 36 men and an umpire running around.

Scoring is similar to rugby, except that there are four posts. A ball sent through the inner two scores a goal—six points, and one through either of the spaces on either side counts a "behind"—one point.

Perhaps the game will be given a chance on one of the proper rugby fields in the Colony. It certainly should, for even under yesterday's conditions one could see the attractions which, in Australia, gather crowds of 50,000 to the League games.

COTTAGE CLUB CAVALCADE

A CAVALCADE for members of the Cottage Club, Fanning, will be held at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, January 6.

A paper-hunt will be arranged for the following Saturday, January 13, also at 3.30 p.m.

Further details will be notified later. Club ponies will be drawn for on the field, as heretofore.

BRIGHT ARRAY OF GOLF STARS IN MANILA

MANILA, Dec. 21 (UP).—Golf stars from the United States and Australia are gathering here in preparation of participation in the Philippines Open Golf Championship, which is to be held here January 5, 6 and 7. It was announced to-day.

Norman von Nida, Australian professional star who arrived here Tuesday, will defend the Philippines title against the best field in years. He was accompanied by another Australian, H. B. Williams.

Several Japanese and Americans are to arrive here next Monday.

Harold Jug McSpaden is expected Sunday aboard a Clipper from the United States. The Wreck Wreck Club has paid U.S.\$1,750 as his expenses for his participation in the championship tourney.

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U-Boat Shells Defenceless Seamen NAZI BRUTALITY AT ITS WORST

LONDON, Dec. 29 (British Wireless).—The full story is now revealed of the sinking in the Bay of Biscay of the British steamer *Ugmouth* which, after dodging three torpedoes fired without warning, was fired upon by a U-boat from close range under circumstances which constitute it as one of the most brutal attacks on merchantmen ever made, even by German submarines.

The Naval authorities attribute the subsequent fury displayed by the crew of the U-boat to the annoyance felt at the loss of three torpedoes for a submarine can carry only a limited number and the journey back to bases for supplies is both long and hazardous.

It was nearly 11 o'clock on a clear night when the officer on watch saw a torpedo track passing close ahead of the ship. The *Ugmouth's* helm was at once put over and as the ship was swinging the track of the second torpedo passed close to the bows. Then, as the *Ugmouth* was still swinging under her helm, the track of the third torpedo was seen. This passed astern of the *Ugmouth*.

The prompt use of the helm had enabled the merchant ship to dodge three torpedoes fired without warning but she was not to escape. The U-boat opened fire with her guns at a range of only about 300 yards. Not only did the U-boat begin shelling while the crew of the *Ugmouth* were getting to boats but the Germans fired high and used shrapnel.

The U-boat captain appeared determined to cause as many casualties as possible among the defenceless merchant seamen. The port lifeboat was damaged by shelling. The ship cut one of the falls of the boat. The boatswain, who was in this boat getting it ready for lowering, was thrown into the sea.

Officer Killed

Another shell, bursting over the upper deck, killed the Third Officer and one of the seamen. The Chief Officer tried to go to the aid of the fallen men but another shell burst overhead and wounded him in the head.

Meanwhile, the remainder of the crew succeeded in lowering a starboard boat and getting into it. Blinded with blood the wounded Chief officer just succeeded in reaching this boat. That lifeboat, with men on board, pulled away from the ship while the submarine continued her shelling.

120 Miles From Land

Not only had the U-boat deliberately endeavored to inflict casualties on the *Ugmouth's* crew as they were abandoning ship but at no time was any attempt made to ensure the safety of those in the lifeboat. They were left to fend for themselves in an open boat 120 miles from land.

Captains J. B. Trevor and J. P. Sherry and Lieutenants J. Smith, A. E. Perry and W. C. Clark have been appointed to an Auxiliary Unit of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. They will retain the seniority of their first appointment to the Corps.

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An order published in to-day's "Gazette" by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, states that under the Defence Regulations of 1939, the following articles are prohibited from export, except by licence issued either by Mr. Hamilton or an officer of the Imports and Exports Department.

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The order comes into immediate effect. Licence forms, properly made out, must be submitted in quadruplicate.

NAZI LINER TO PUT TO SEA

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The Hamburg-America Line ship, *Orinoco*, of 10,000 tons, which is at present at Tampico, is preparing to put to sea as soon as possible. She is taking aboard supplies of food and fuel sufficient for a long cruise and it is believed that she intends to slip out of port on January 8.

TACOMA CREW TO BE INTERNED

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—A radio announcement states that authoritative circles in Uruguay say that a decree ordering the internment of the crew of the German tanker, *Tacoma*, for the duration of the war will shortly be signed by the President owing to the fact that the *Tacoma* was used as a supply ship for the Graf Spee.

Mr. C. A. L. Rickett has been appointed to be an Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force.

MORE RUSSIAN TROOPS REVOLT

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Further reports of revolt in the Russian lines in the Salla sector of the northern front are contained in a semi-official statement from Helsinki, declaring that Russian airplanes are forced to bomb and machine-gun their own troops in this area.

The statement adds that there has also been fierce fighting between Russian infantry detachments, and while shooting was going on, shouts and cries could be heard.

French War Budget

Unanimous Senate Vote Approves

PARIS, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The Senate unanimously voted the military budget for the first quarter of 1940, which has already passed the Chamber.

M. Daladier, the Premier, briefly addressed the Senate before the vote, and said that he did not want the credit to be voted without paying a deserving tribute to the soldiers.

What Franco Will Demand

France was determined to finish with the rule of force and the policy of rapine and murder. France would demand material and positive guarantees without which she would not disarm.

The French Premier also emphasised the effort made by Britain, and said that Anglo-French co-operation existed in all corners of the world.

Roosevelt To Meet Religious Leaders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt declared to-day that he will welcome at the White House the religious leaders of all faiths who desire to discuss efforts to achieve world peace. The President expressed the hope that religious leaders would call on him to discuss any peace measures that they had in mind.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—Owing to illness, Mr. G. E. Mitchell of the Shanghai Municipal Council has resigned, and the Council has co-opted Mr. J. R. Liddell to take his place. Mr. Liddell was a member of the Council in 1934 and 1935.

Mr. H. N. Williamson has been re-assigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Combatant Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Hitler The Criminal 77 People Executed Since The War

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The German "Free" radio announces that 77 persons are officially admitted to have been executed in Germany between the outbreak of war and Christmas.

It says: "Almost every day one person fell victim to Hitler's new decrees which render even the most insignificant offender liable to the death penalty, but the day is not far distant when we ourselves shall sit in judgment over the crime—the crime which Hitler has committed. Then neither he, Goering or Goebbels will escape us."

BRITISH TROOPS SNOWBALLING IN FRANCE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—"Reuter's" special correspondent with the B.E.F. telephones that troops fought battles with snowballs to-day. The whole countryside is covered with winter's white camouflage. Troops stepped from their billets into thick snow. Soon snowballs were flying while the French villagers, especially the children, joined the game.

The next date on the soldiers' calendar of this way of masterly inactivity is New Year's Day, which the Scottish troops especially are preparing to celebrate fervently.

Scottish units here include the Highland Light Infantry, Cameronians and Seaforth.

BELGO-DUTCH CO-OPERATION

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The Netherlands Minister for Economic Affairs has left The Hague for Brussels, where he will meet his opposite number and discuss with him co-operation between the Netherlands and Belgium in economic matters.

TRAWLER SUNK BY MINE

LONDON, Dec. 29 (UP).—The British trawler, *Rescher*, 258 tons, struck a mine off the east coast and sank almost immediately. A tank steamer rescued the crew of nine who were not injured.

Mussolini Wants Reconciliation

ROME, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Italian papers to-day gave two whole pages to the meeting of the Pope and the King and Queen of Italy. Although Mussolini was not present, he was represented as having desired a reconciliation.

Vatican Visit Denied
ROME, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Reports that Mussolini will visit the Pope are stated by high official Italian circles as entirely unfounded.

Mr. D. G. Cairns has been appointed to act as Chief Boarding Officer.

BRITISH MINERS REJECT WAGE INCREASE

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—British miners held a meeting to-day and rejected the wage increase offer by mine-owners.

The owners offered an increase of a shilling a shift per man and from 4d. to 6d. a shift for navvies. The miners decided to keep pace with the rise in the cost of living.

Safeguarding Scrap-Iron Congressman To Propose Bill

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (UP).—Representative Joseph Smith, Democrat of Connecticut, to-day said he intends to propose to Congress legislation for safeguarding the domestic supply of scrap iron and steel.

He said he favoured a law similar to the Tin Export Bill passed in 1936 which prohibited in plate exports except through presidential licence.

Big Overseas Sale

Representative Smith said: "Half our scrap iron goes to Japan and some 13 per cent. each to Britain and Italy."

"The Japanese are using our scrap iron at the rate of some two million tons a year, enabling them to expand their finished iron and steel production to some six million tons a year, while our industry is threatened with curtailment through an impending shortage of scrap iron."

Admiral Bailey Retires

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Admiral Sir Sidney Bailey has been placed on the retired list.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay is promoted Admiral. Rear-Admiral Vesey Holt, hero of the *Panay* rescues in the Yangtze two years ago, is promoted Vice-Admiral.

Clothing Polish Refugees

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—The first shipment from Britain of clothing for Polish refugees is arriving in Hungary and Rumania to-day. Altogether 100,000 articles of clothing are being sent.

According to an official notice in the Government "Gazette" to-day, D. P. Ross, C. R. Lyen and E. J. Granger have been given permission to quit the Hongkong Defence Force.

Mr. J. C. S. Fender has been appointed to be an Examiner of Weights and Measures and an Inspector under the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance, 1901.

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Hot Drinks

SOMETHING stimulating and hot is a helpful start for you these nippy mornings. Later on we shall all find the same holds for supper and bedtime, too. It's good to get the hot drink habit, so long as we pick on the right ones.

See that these "quick-ones" are sufficiently pre-digested to yield good and prompt results. That's where cocoa and chocolate rate high—and on low expenditure too.

Chocolate spares sugar, and in France they fuss it no end. You get it for breakfast, tea, or any time, but their chocolate-au-lait is a fluffy capped beverage that calls for a quick swallow. It's worth learning how to make it.

First big secret—you never really boil it. Heat the milk separately and whisk it when the chocolate is added. Using prepared cup chocolate things are simpler still, for you merely use a measureful, give it a brisk whisk, and there you are.



the bedtime story—using half a pint of black treacle gives another version tumblerful of milk, and a tablespoon that may be appreciated. of golden syrup or honey. Bring the milk to the frothing stage over the heat, then whisk in the sweetening.

This is rather more sleep inducing than the usual milk drink, and especially good for children who do coldest days, when the creamiest not always take milk readily. For milk has been sliced for more urgent adults, the slightly caramelised taste calls.

Now that food costs are such a consideration, we value milk all the more. An "Eleven" or lunch drink of milk is almost an investment, certainly something to work on. When you want a change, mix it with one of the many mated pre-cooked foods that taste so good and support the menu even better. For these prolonged days of strain they are particularly digestible.

Sometimes we fancy a cup of hot soup—but it seems more trouble to make. Canned soups are quick, and, topped with a dab of cream, rather a feast. Cracker biscuits, or home-made rusks, go well here.

But did you know that soups can be made within a matter of minutes? Starting with stock, of course—but well flavoured all the same. If you've got some vegetable stock, add a couple of meat or vegetable essence cubes per pint. Then place some grated vegetables in the simmering shredded water fine—to cook till tender. Cornflour thickening is an appetising finish; then season and serve.

Another day summer blanched rice or sage, nouilles or macaroni in the clear stock, season and bring to table.

And egg soup is another change, especially good with chicken stock or tasty veal "bollings." To do this in style have the pot boiling, and let the whisked egg flow into the surging centre—"curdling" as it goes. You then have an egg garnish to the soup that fascinates the children and grown-ups, too.

You can make it into Chinese fare by floating a few shreds of green leaf tops or "hearts," simmered long enough to tender, and serve in little open rice bowls.

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SUPPER is the right time for cocoa—there seems more leisure to enjoy it. Milk with the addition of cocoa is extra nourishing, and recent research proves that cocoa boasts that Vitamin D of sunshine fame. It also offers plenty of iron that is so essential, particularly to women.

When you want it especially good try an egg nog. Separate the yolk from white of an egg, and blend the cocoa with a little cold milk in the usual way. Turn, with the remaining milk, into a saucepan to heat and cook for two to three minutes, cool a bit, then whisk, pouring very slowly into a beaten yolk of egg. Whip the white to a stiff froth, and fold into the beverage before making yourself quite at home with it. It is almost a meal in itself.

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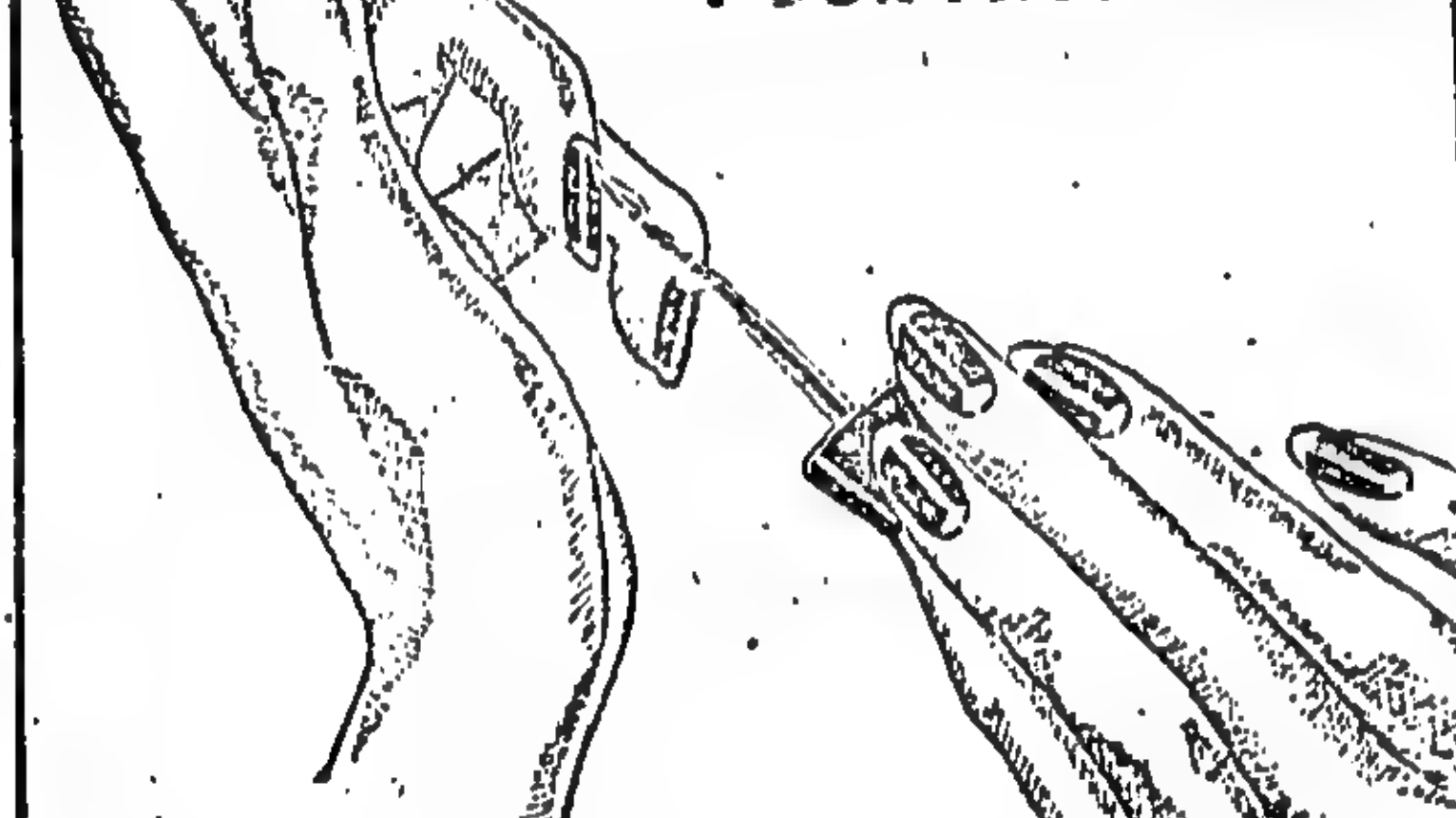
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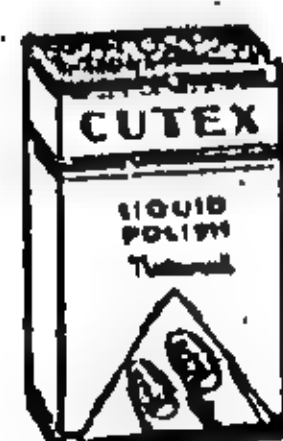
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- 1—Mark left by injury
- 2—Pointed weapon
- 3—Industrious
- 4—Pining machine
- 5—Crazy (col.)
- 6—Margins
- 7—Prize
- 8—Cry particle
- 9—Friendship (plu)
- 10—Scholar
- 11—Allow
- 12—Those who catch rats
- 13—Seniors (abbr.)
- 14—Round-up
- 15—Large tea
- 16—Telling
- 17—Impulse
- 18—Pulled as anchor
- 19—Name given to
- 20—Understanding be-
- 21—tween Italy and
- 22—Germany
- 23—Moderately warm
- 24—Unit of trade
- 25—Man (col.)
- 26—March the fifteenth
- 27—Leaping wall
- 28—Falling
- 29—Time of sail
- 30—Nasty
- 31—Small rooms for
- 32—holding clothes
- 33—Leather attached to
- 34—lamb
- 35—Old back
- 36—Musical composition
- 37—Aquatic birds

DOWN

- 1—Conception
- 2—Enzyme
- 3—Ward on
- 4—March
- 5—Small pieces of
- 6—Strip of skin from
- 7—Fetters of evil
- 8—Iniquity
- 9—Grant entrance to
- 10—Ornished iron
- 11—Dribble about
- 12—Gmashed with
- 13—Cervical
- 14—Anoint (archaic)
- 15—Unconformative
- 16—Middle of day (plu)
- 17—Aquatic mammal
- 18—Small knobs used
- 19—as front sight of
- 20—Sun
- 21—Constitution of steel
- 22—Man's name
- 23—Wine (French)
- 24—Remains
- 25—Rap monotonously on
- 26—Lily cross
- 27—Chopping tool
- 28—Wine (French)
- 29—Foreword abroad
- 30—Propelling device
- 31—By way of
- 32—Addition to house
- 33—Cultivation (col)
- 34—Defence plans
- 35—Unit of drama
- 36—Spurred horses
- 37—Weird
- 38—Vouchsafe
- 39—Musical drama
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2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Elgar—Sonata in E Minor for Violin and Piano, Op. 82.
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6.55 Tchaikovsky—Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor, Op. 23.
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8.00 Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.15 Edward Crooks (Tenor) and Light Orchestral Selections.
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9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.25 Local Sport Results.
9.27 B.B.C. Recording—The Kentucky Minstrel.
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COTTON TEXTILES

Heavy Increases Shown In Japanese Exports

Tokyo, Dec. 29.
Striking progress is being made in Japan's cotton textile export both in quantity and value in reaction to the decline in the exports of beligerent countries in Europe and the continuous rise in international commodity price levels, a survey by the Japan Cotton Industry Association indicates.

Exports of Japanese cotton textiles to third countries from the beginning of January to December 29, this year, totaled 2,290,401,000 square yards in quantity and yen 387,957,000 in value. As compared with the same period of last year, the figures show an increase of 30.8 per cent. in quantity and an increase of 20.5 per cent. in value.

Exports to third countries and Yen Bloc countries together amounted to 2,338,044,000 square yards in quantity and yen 388,303,000 in value.

It is estimated that the exports during the whole year will come up to 2,400,000,000 square yards in quantity and yen 400,000,000 in value.

Plain cloths exported in this year up to December 25 to third countries are given as 77,830,000 square yards and yen 97,073,000 in quantity and value respectively, bleached cotton 481,855,000 square yards and yen 73,256,000, finished goods 1,035,190,000 square yards and yen 196,729,000, printed goods 443,049,000 square yards and yen 92,701,000, dyed goods 344,046,000 square yards and yen 69,080,000, and dyed yarn 246,101,000 square yards and yen 44,947,000.—Domci.

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Certificates can be collected at the St. John Ambulance Brigade Headquarters at a cost of 40 cents each.

The following certificates have not yet been collected: Miss A. Leong, Mrs. A. Leong, Mr. M. H. Large.

Successful candidates are given the opportunity to join the Auxiliary Nursing service by applying to the Secretary Queen Mary Hospital, or to join The St. John Ambulance Brigade by applying to the Secretary, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Tai Hang Road.

A first aid course in English will commence in Kowloon at the European Y.M.C.A., ground floor, on January 4 at 10 a.m. and in Hongkong in the S. C. M. Post Board Room, on January 8, at 6 p.m.

Amusement Park

Covering an area of 34,200 sq. ft. a site close to the Causeway Bay tram terminus is being prepared for a large amusement park which is expected to open by the middle of January. The park has been organized by some Chinese business men.

The land is already encircled by walls and work inside is progressing rapidly. About the entrance is the sign "East Point Amusement Park." Various plans for the entertainment of visitors have been drawn up as for an admission fee of 10 cents or will be able to see acrobatics, a open air cinema, Chinese singers, and many other forms of amusement. There is also the possibility of stalling a merry-go-round.

Licence for the existence of the park has been granted but has not been issued yet as the structures inside the site have not been examined by the Fire Brigade Department.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 4.
A BABY was born to-day to Miss Sylvia Sidney, American film actress, wife of Mr. Luther Adler, American actor, whom she married in London last year when he was appearing in the play, "The Golden Boy."
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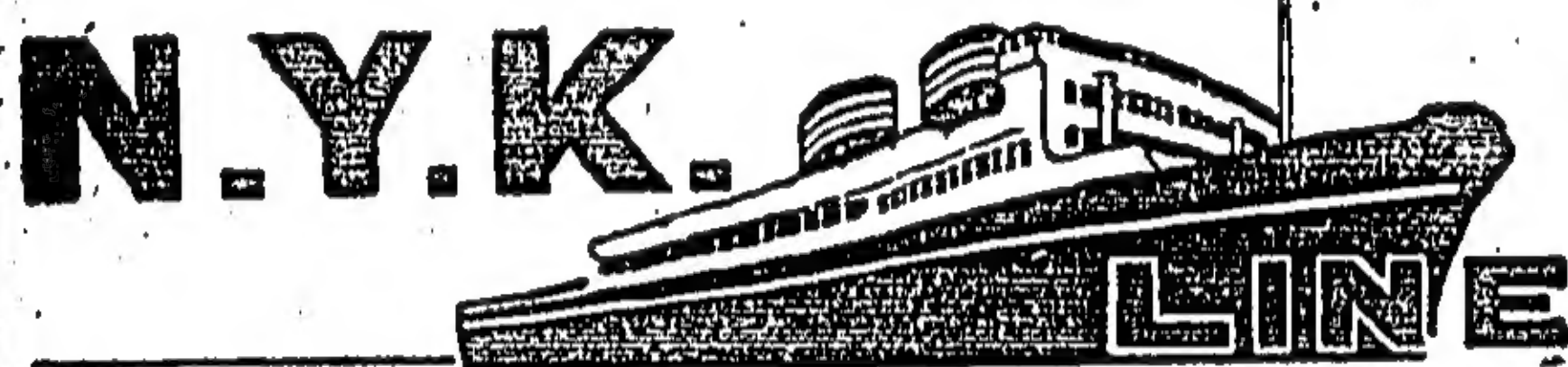
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PRISON DOCTOR MARRIES

The medical profession and Prison Department were well represented at the wedding of Dr. Alan Harold Barwell and Miss Betty Mary Heathcote at St. John's Cathedral yesterday. Rev. A. P. Rose officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Heathcote, of Hereford, England. Wearing a gown of crisp white organza, and carrying a bouquet of white gladioli, she arrived at the church on the arm of Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, by whom she was given away.

The bridegroom, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Barwell, is the Prison Doctor at Stanley.

Dr. S. Tomlinson was best man. The reception was held at the Peak residence of Dr. Selwyn-Clarke. The guests included Dr. D. J. Valentine, Deputy Director of Medical Services, and Mrs. Valentine; Major J. L. Willcocks, Commissioner of Prisons, and Mrs. Willcocks, their daughter and son-in-law, Lieut. and Mrs. J. G. Whittaker; J. W. Fitz-Gerald, Assistant Chief Warden of the Prison Department and Mrs. Fitz-Gerald; Dr. J. M. Gray, Health Officer, and Mrs. Gray; Mr. V. H. Freeman, Prison Hospital Supervisor; Lieut.-Commander and Mrs. Harrison, Major and Mrs. Harvey, Surgeon-Lieut. K. E. O. Ringdahl, Captain and Mrs. Freeman, Dr. Dean Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Wallington, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Gelling, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Moodie, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Peaker, Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole, Miss Spry, Miss Steers, Mr. Frank Angus, Mr. Stitt, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Womack, and Mr. V. Fuscino.

DUTCH DEFENCES

All Civilian Males May
Be Called Upon

Amsterdam, Dec. 29. The Chief of the Land and Sea Defence Forces, Major General J. G. Remmersma, has issued an order to all men from 18 to 50 that they are liable to be called to assist the Military authorities at any time and in any manner necessary.

The order is designed for an emergency. Nevertheless it is effective immediately. It is thought to be the equivalent of mobilisation of civilians all over Holland.

Officers and burgo-masters acting for the military authorities are empowered to draft civilians for auxiliary duties, for repairing damaged roads, bridges and communications caused by enemy action, building fortifications, erecting defence lines, such as barbed wire entanglements, and building and maintaining dyke defences.—United Press.

LORD HAW-HAW WRITES (Very) BLANK VERSE

By JONAH BARRINGTON

Listening-in to the radio war;

LADIES and gentlemen.—Meet Lord (Shakespeare) Haw-Haw, bard of Zeesen-on-Avon. Your old friend has turned poet—has nibbled his pen and rumbled that beautiful wavy hair in a frenzied effort to produce a parody on our current song hit: "We're gonna hang our washing on the Siegfried Line."

Seems that he is angry about that song—considers it in bad taste. So, in intense, biting tones, he recites this ditty to his ever-loving public:

"We're gonna cry out stinking fish until the end of time.

Have you any stinking fish, Britannia dear?

We're gonna cry out stinking fish until the end of time,

Because the hot air war is here.

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We're gonna cry out stinking fish until the end of time,

If fresh fish still remains too dear."

Maybe your suspicions are like mine—that the poor fellow's mind is weakening under the strain of being Britain's No. 1 Buffoon for eight hours a day. Alternatively, if you can see rhyme or reasoning in the above outpouring, send me a post-card.

POINTS that I noticed during the Hitler outburst: That his speed has gone up to 150 words a minute—almost a gabble. That he took exactly one hour to work up any real applause. That the average cheer died after six seconds. That he coughed—twice. That the singing of the Horst Wessel song was abominably out of tune. That the B.B.C., while Hitler was speaking, were playing "Sing a Song of Sunbeams."

That Paris played "You have a certain charm" and "Let me call you my own." That German radio station Stuttgart, supposed to be giving Hitler, was well and truly jammed by a reiterated errand boy whistle.

GESTAPO ARREST 5,000 IN BERLIN

From RALPH IZZARD

Daily Mail Correspondent
German-Dutch Frontier.

Dec. 13.

THE Gestapo are striking again. The wave of mass arrests which it had been feared would be an inevitable sequel to the Munich bomb plot against Hitler is in full swing.

From fugitives who have crossed the frontier from Germany to-day, I learn that 5,000 arrests have been made in Berlin alone.

Mass arrests have also been made in Munich, Leipzig, Dresden, Hanover, Potsdam, and the industrial areas.

It appears that the Gestapo are working on a pre-arranged plan, aimed at stamping out all internal opposition to the Nazi movement, for the classes from which the arrested men are taken differ widely.

In Munich, Dresden, Hanover, and Potsdam, suspected Monarchists and commissioned and retired army officers are the chief sufferers. In Berlin, Leipzig, and certain industrial areas, former functionaries and mem-

bers of the Social-Democratic Party have been rounded up.

Elsewhere the arrested men are small factory owners, who have been forced to close down or curtail production owing to raw material shortage. They are accused of sabotage.

It is significant that no former Communists have been detained, except those who have publicly expressed their opinion of the lately concluded German-Soviet Pact.

Concentration camps are filled to overflowing, and a number of new camps have been opened in derelict factories in East Prussia. Here the inmates are put to work manufacturing munitions, and each man has an armed Storm Trooper beside him.

Simultaneously, the "Super-Gestapo"—a new force organised to watch members of the Gestapo themselves—is busily at work.

There has been a general round-up of minor party officials who have been reported as having expressed radical views in public or in private.

These arrests have obviously been made according to lists drawn up long ago, for a number of cases have occurred where Super-Gestapo officials have gone to arrest their quarry at an address which he left months before.

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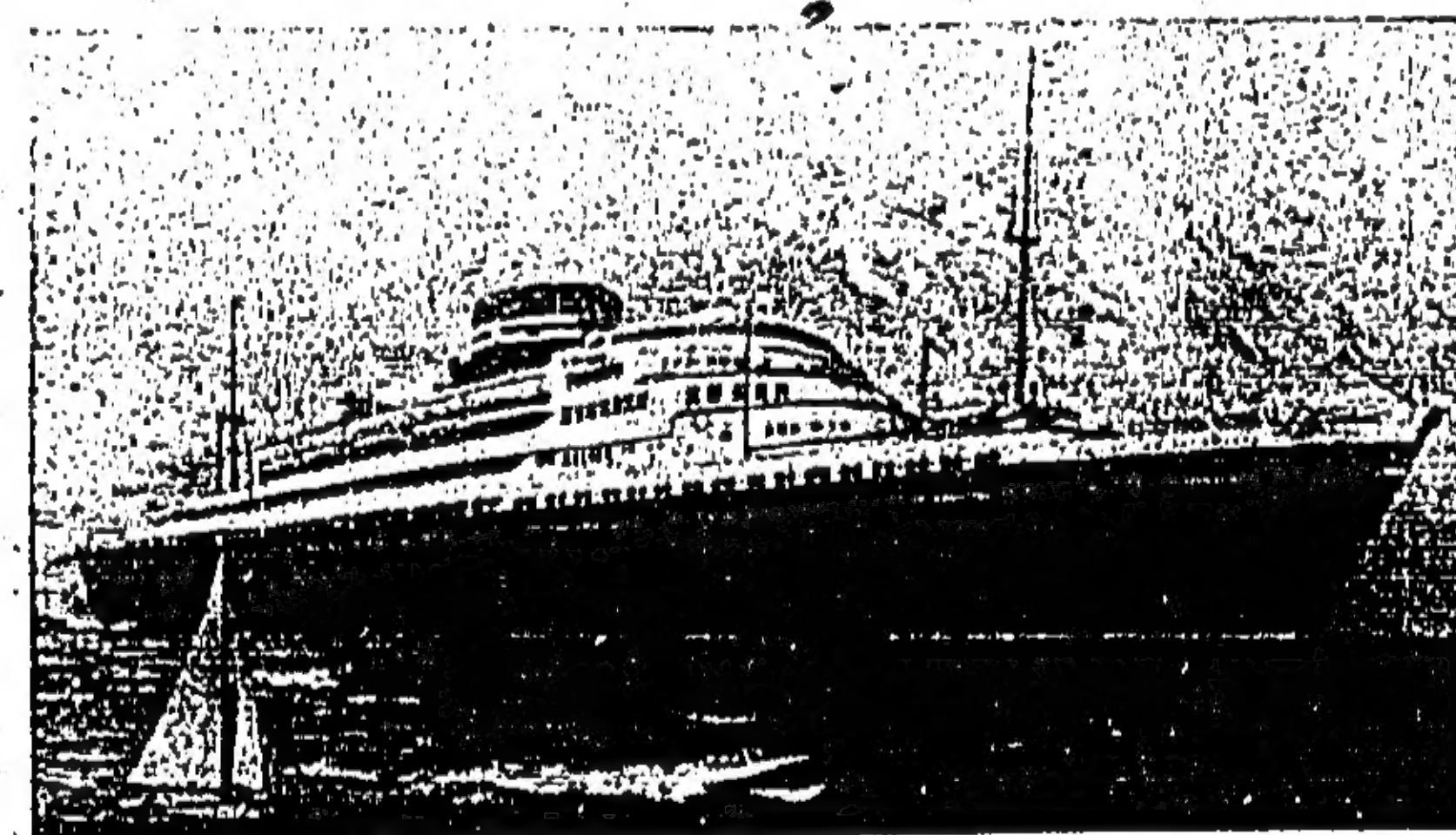
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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 30, 1889.

Complications have arisen between England and Portugal over African questions. It is hoped that a war will not ensue.

The Australians are a sport-loving people, and the congestion of population in our large cities tends to intensify their proclivities. To prove the former assertion it is only necessary to compare Sydney and Melbourne with cities of equal or greater size in other parts of the world. The capitals of N.S. Wales and Victoria are not so large as Manchester or Liverpool, Leeds or Glasgow, Sheffield or Birmingham, and moreover are not the centres of thickly-populated districts with cheap excursion trains ready at a few hours' notice to pour in their thousands; yet each manages somehow to provide far more amusement of the kind classified as sport than does any of the cities mentioned. Liverpool is content with two large yearly race-meetings in the year, the sporting people of Manchester are similarly served, while Leeds, Edinburgh, Sheffield, Birmingham and Glasgow have no race-meetings worthy of the name. Other cities and towns such as Bristol, and Newcastle, Plymouth and Blackburn, Nottingham and Preston have none, or are content with one annual gathering.

Disregarding the turf, many British cities are the national headquarters of other sports. For instance, Sheffield is the headquarters of professional pedestrianism; Newcastle on Tyne is, outside London, the only town in which professional boat-sculling is largely practised, Glasgow and Leeds are devoted to football; and Birmingham is the provincial home of pugilism.

25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 30, 1914.

As showing the spirit with which Germany wages war, the following statement by Count Henning is instructive:

"The successful issue of the war for Germany depends on her carrying it on without mercy and being unmoved by any humanitarian considerations."

The engagement is announced of Arthur George Murchison Fletcher, Assistant Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, son of Dr. and Mrs. George Fletcher, of Highgate, and Dorothy, second daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Rogers-Harrison, of Kenilworth, Pittville Lawn, Cheltenham. The marriage will take place quietly early in January.

In view of the German Government's allegations regarding the treatment of German prisoners at Hongkong, Mr. Harcourt communicated with the Governor, Sir P. H. May, who replied that the report was unfounded. The American Consul-General telegraphed to his Government to inform the German Government that, as a result of investigations, he finds there is no truth in the report.

10 YEARS AGO

Dec. 30, 1929.

Enquiries made at Police Headquarters last night for confirmation of a report that a tiger had made its appearance at Fung Yuen Village, Tai-po, and attacked a cow which died from loss of blood after the tiger had been frightened away, resulted in a statement to the effect that a cow had been attacked by some animal, but it was not known if the attacker was a tiger as no one saw it.

5 YEARS AGO

Dec. 30, 1934.

The calm which has prevailed in the Saar up to now was rudely shattered last night at Pleswastel when a meeting of the Catholic Front was dispersed by the police.

The affidavit of Herr Wilhelm Fischer, Welfare Secretary of the Deutsche Front, that he had been instructed some time ago to prepare a concentration camp for anti-Nazis in the Saar, was described as an atrocious fairy tale by Herr Buerkel, Herr Hitler's Commissioner for the Saar today.

"My greetings for the New Year to all members of the armed forces," reads the introduction of a proclamation issued by Reichs-president Hitler today.

Then, in conclusion states: "The future of all our services shall know only one goal: namely Germany's resurgence in peace, of equal rights and honour and assured freedom."

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LATE NEWS

R.A. Colonel Is Gravely Hurt

Lieut-Col. F. D. Field, M.C., R.A., was gravely injured in a motor car accident last night. His condition this morning was stated to be serious. Lieut-Col. Field was driving near the R.A.O.C. depot in Queen's Road East at about 11.30 p.m. when his car hit a lamp standard. The car was extensively damaged. Lieut-Col. Field was seriously injured. He was taken to the Military Hospital. Police were unable this morning to obtain any indication of how the accident occurred as the injured man was too ill to make any statement.

JAPANESE AIR VICTORY CLAIMS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Dec. 30 (Domel).—Since the beginning of the current Sino-Japanese dispute up to December 29, Japanese Army aircraft have destroyed 400 Chinese planes. During the period under review, 108 Japanese planes have been lost. Of the Chinese losses, 330 planes were shot down and 100 were demolished on the ground, while out of the Soviet losses in the recent hostilities near Nomonhan, 1,340 planes were shot down and 30 were demolished on the ground. The total losses inflicted on the enemies by Japanese Army aircraft thus amount to 1,860 planes, the communique claims.

Ban On Cable Codes Lifted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Dec. 30 (Domel).—Japanese business circles express satisfaction at the lifting of the ban on code telegrams after January 1 by the British Government. The code books permitted are limited to Bentley's A.B.C. and Peterson's. The British Post Office still refuses to accept Romanized Japanese telegrams for transmission. Negotiations for lifting the ban on code telegrams have been going on between the Japanese and British and French post offices. France already permits their use.

New Attacks On Trawlers

LONDON, Dec. 29 (British Wire- less).—Returning to Fleetwood today, the skipper of the unarmed trawler, Adam, reported that the vessel was bombed and machine-gunned by Nazi seaplanes while on her way to the fishing grounds. The trawler with a crew of twelve, was steaming along when the seaplanes appeared. The skipper said: "We saw two planes coming towards us. At first we thought they were British. They landed on the sea a short distance from us, and then one took off and, after circling round us, dropped bombs and swept us with machine-gun fire. But the firing was not accurate and none of the bombs found its mark. Our ship was not seriously damaged and no one was hurt. After about ten minutes, the planes flew off in an easterly direction."

Battleship Arrives

LONDON, Dec. 30 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the British battleship torpedoed by a German U-boat on Thursday has now reached port under her own steam. She was not seriously damaged, but one additional rating is reported missing, believed to be dead, and one seriously injured.

Japanese Proof

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PEIPING, Dec. 29 (UP).—In order to prove that Patou is in Japanese hands, the Japanese army officials are flying foreign correspondents to Patou on Saturday. However, a Japanese staff officer from Patou, for the first time has admitted that the Chinese actually entered the town for a brief period leaving 3,000 dead.

FINLAND SEEKS U.S. MATERIALS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—Colonel Zillineus, Finland's military attaché, revealed that Finland is negotiating for war-planes, gas masks, marine motors and high-speed torpedo boats.

Small Sloop Sinks U-Boat

R.A.F. Plane Found "Crafty Looking Shark"

PARIS, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—How a British coastal plane co-operated in the sinking of a German U-boat by a 630-ton French sloop, Commandant Duboc, was described in a journal here to-day.

The Commandant Duboc, which has launched two years ago, was mentioned in the official French communique on Wednesday together with the French destroyers Sirocco and Lurallouise, while between them sank another German submarine. The Commandant Duboc was at the time escorting a merchant convoy in a calm sea and with a slight breeze blowing.

Suddenly the listening post picked up high in the sky the sound of a plane which appeared to be signalling.

"Dark and Crafty Looking Form" The men on watch, however, experienced difficulty in understanding the signals owing to the plane's height. Then they saw the plane drop smoke-shells on the water.

Quickly getting up steam, the sloop reached the zone where the plane believed it had discovered a "dark and crafty looking form of some steel-like shark lying in wait for the convoy."

After dropping depth charges, which sent up spouts of water, the sloop did not have long to wait for the result.

A submarine came to the surface completely on its side and the crew saw the vessel for several moments before it disappeared in an enormous whirlpool.

Second Submarine Sunk The exploit of the Sirocco and La Lurallouise has a number of points in common to that of the Commandant Duboc.

The destroyers were also conveying in a calm sea but in their case visibility was poor. In the same way as the British seaplane, a French reconnaissance plane, which was flying ahead of the convoy, dropped smoke-shells.

The commander of the Sirocco at once gave an order to the merchantmen to steer a zig-zag course, while he sent his ship speeding at 25 knots towards the spot where the shell had fallen. At the same time he began to drop depth charges.

The hull of a submarine appeared on the surface about a quarter of a mile away, and then disappeared.

The Sirocco continued to drop depth charges as it sped on. Oil was seen on the surface of the sea.

The La Lurallouise also raced to the zone, also dropping depth charges. Suddenly a tremendous explosion was heard and through the mist, the crews of the destroyers saw about ten feet of the forepart of the submarine shoot vertically out of the water. Finally it sank back into the waves.

Berlin, Dec. 29. A German High Command communique states that a submarine torpedoed a battleship of the Queen Elizabeth class, west of Scotland.—United Press.

British Admission London, Dec. 29. The Admiralty announces that a U-boat made a torpedo attack on a British battleship.

Some damage was caused and three men were killed. The name of the warship is not divulged.—United Press.

Not Seriously Damaged London, Dec. 30. Authoritative Naval quarters stated last night that the torpedoed battleship is "safe" and is proceeding on her course.—United Press.

Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, M.C. (Eng.) London, A.M., INST. C.E., Chartered Civil Engineer, M. Inst. W.E., has been appointed to be an Executive Director.

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BRITAIN'S AMAZING ARMAMENTS SPEED-UP

LONDON, Dec. 29 (Reuter).—A striking example of the acceleration of armaments in Britain was given by Mr. Leslie Burgin, the Minister of Supply, to-day.

Since the war began, he said, the output of shells has been doubled and is now ten times as great as in the same period during the last war. Gun production is eight times greater, some cases, and next year will exceed the peak reached at the end of the Great War.

Twenty new ordnance factories have been built and 300 others have been extended. Sixty per cent. of the total cost of ordnance factories goes in wages.

It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of the close relation existing between Britain and France in matters of supply, Mr. Burgin said. The French Minister of Munitions will visit London next month.

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